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The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Held and supported by the transforming relationship with God through Christ, we of the Alaska United Methodist Conference seek to be a community that creates a home for all peoples, finds our hope through grace and journeys together into God's preferred future.

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Conference Treasurer.....CRAIG PARRISH
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Native Ministries Committee.....Charles Brower
New Ministries CommitteeJON DISBURG
Outdoor Ministries Committee.....Von Cawvey
Commission on Archives & History.....Larry Hayden
Professional Ministries Unit.....KAREN MARTIN TICHENOR
United Methodist Women.....Julia Smith

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General Board of Higher Education & MinistryLonnie Brooks

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Vice-ChairpersonSandy Stark
Secretary.....LAURA

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3. Northern Regional Program Council

Co-ChairsTOM TELFER and KAREN MARTIN TICHENOR
Vice-ChairpersonGayle Miller
SecretaryGayle

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4. Southcentral Regional Program Council

Chairperson.....CARLO RAPANUT
Vice-ChairpersonAbbe Dunning-Newbury
SecretaryJON DISBURG

5. Southeast Regional Program Council

ChairpersonJUDY SHOOK

Vice-Chairperson
 SecretaryDeborah
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 Crystal Feaster (08, SC) Judy Shoup (08, SE)
 John Gerrish (08, SE) Joe Talbott (09, SC)
 DEBRA LINDSAY-HUDGINS (08, SC) RICHARD WHETSELL (05, K)
 Conference Superintendent: with vote
 Treasurer: without vote

7. Conference Council on Finance and Administration

Chairperson.....Linda Dunham (04, SC)
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 Georgina Dapcevich (07, SE) CHARLES MARTINDELL (08, K)
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 TERI ERBELE (08, SE)
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SC Representative K Representative
SE Representative N Representative

5. Native Ministries Committee

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Claudette Curtis (SE) DELLA WAGHIYI (SC)
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EVELYN ERBELE (08, SE) JUDY SHOOK (09, SE)
TORI HICKS (08, N) Brian Taylor (08, N)
DALE KELLEY (09, SC) TOM TELFER (05, N)
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LUTHER OCONER (09, SE) DAN WILCOX (07, N)
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C. Institutional and Other Representatives
(Those which need Conference action.)

1. **Alaska Children Services**
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2. **Nome Community Center**
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3. **United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks**
David Moore
4. **University Community Ministry, Anchorage**
Robbie Robinson

D. Institutional and Other Representatives
(Those which do not need Conference action.)

1. **Hope Retreat Center Board**
Chairperson.....John Meyn
2. **Birchwood Camp**
Chairperson.....
3. **Eagle River UM Camp Southeast**
Chairperson..... Dick Fagnant



Bishop Hagiya leads the commissioning service for those newly-appointed clergy who will serve in the Alaska United Methodist Conference during 2009-2010.

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With profound appreciation to

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in recognition of your deep and abiding love for the Methodist Movement and the role that it has had in shaping Alaska's destiny. Your tenacious and tireless work over six decades has helped preserve this story for future generations through the publication of "Have Gospel Tent Will Travel" and your distinguished service both in the Western Jurisdiction and on the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church. Generations of youth and adults are indebted to you for your work in establishing Eagle River United Methodist Camp (SE) as a place of inspiration and renewal.



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At Breakout Sessions, the members of the Conference participated in developing a long-range vision for mission and ministry in Alaska.

V. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

A. Minutes

Friday, June 5 – 1:00 p.m.

The 38th session of the Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC) was called to order with prayer by presiding Bishop Grant Hagiya. Greetings were extended by host church pastor David Beckett, by Conference Superintendent Dennis Holway, and by Conference Lay Leader Lonnie Brooks. Leila Disburg provided information about the Conference's upcoming worship services. Business details and introductions were provided by Conference Secretary Debra Lindsay-Hudgins.

Prior to dismissal to Clergy and Laity sessions, Lonnie Brooks provided an overview of the thirty-two Constitutional Amendments that will be voted on by the Annual Conference, followed by questions.

The members of the conference were then dismissed to meet separately in Laity and Clergy Sessions.

Friday, June 5 – 2:50 p.m. – Plenary #1

It was agreed by consensus that a \$10 fine would be assessed to anyone whose cell phone rings during the Annual Conference sessions. All proceeds will be donated to *"Nothing But Nets."*

Bishop Hagiya gave an introduction to the Conference Visioning Process. First he defined the words "appreciate" and "inquire". He then combined the two concepts, describing a process called "Appreciative Inquiry", which is an approach to organizational change. Essentially, it is a four-step process that includes discovering what we value most, dreaming about what might be, designing a way to create the future we have envisioned, and then delivering the dream in accessible ways to the organization. He contrasted "appreciative inquiry" with the more common technique of "problem solving", pointing out that problem solving presumes that organizations are problems to be solved, while appreciative inquiry understands organizations to be a mystery which warrants exploration. He concluded the introduction by challenging the members of the Conference to envision something audacious for the AUMC, our local churches, and The United Methodist Church at large.

Friday, June 5 – 3:20 p.m. – Visioning

Everyone was then dismissed to the Family Life Center for a process of discovery. The following questions were discussed:

- What does our Conference do best?
- What do our local churches do best?
- What are our strengths?
- What are three core values you see as strengths of the AUMC?

Friday, June 5 – 3:55 p.m. – Plenary #1 (continued)

Shawn Bakker, Director of The Advance, addressed the conference. She brought warm greetings from Rev. Ed Paup. She also noted several things she thinks the AUMC is good at:

- The AUMC is truly invested in mission
2008 marked the 60th anniversary of The Advance. In that time, over 1 billion dollars has been raised in second-mile giving. 43 million dollars was raised in 2008 alone, a 15 percent increase over 2007. The churches of the AUMC had the highest rate of increase of all the churches and conference participating in The Advance.
- The AUMC recognizes and works to meet perceived needs both at home and around the world
85 percent of the churches in Alaska are currently participating in The Advance. Perhaps our next goal could be 100 percent?

Shawn also described for us a new campaign for The Advance called **B1**. It is geared to youth, encouraging them to become aware of The Advance and to carry the message of its work out into their homes and communities. B1 stands for "one being, being one." She suggested that more information could be found at the website: fasttodaychangetomorrow.org.

Two Million Dollar Task Force – Dennis Holway

The following motion was received from the Two Million Dollar Task Force:

“That the AUMC invest the proceeds from the Alaska Children’s Services sale in the Pacific Northwest Conference Foundation’s Intermediate Investment Portfolio, pending the decision on the visioning process by the AUMC; further, that the Conference Coordinating Council be the body to coordinate the disposition of the proceeds with respect to the visioning process.”

The recommendation was passed by members of the task force. Voting members included: Bishop Grant Hagiya, Jon Disburg, Jim Doepken, Dennis Holway, Leila Disburg, Lonnie Brooks, Nora Ortiz Fredrick, Linda Dunham, Tom Telfer, and Richard Whetsell.

Some questions followed. A final vote on the motion was postponed until a time later in the conference.

Rethink Church (UMCOM) – Jim Doepken

Jim began with a video presentation entitled “Rethink Church”. It posed a variety of questions; “what if church wasn’t a noun, but a verb?” “what if church was more like it was in the beginning?” “what if Sunday could be a celebration of all we did Monday through Saturday?” The target audience of the program is 18 to 34 year-olds.

The video presentation and Jim Doepken encouraged all of us to avail ourselves of the following websites: 10thousanddoors.org, findachurch.org, and rethinkchurch.org. Rethink Church challenges us to rethink the slogan of The United Methodist Church (“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”): rethink “open”, rethink “hearts”, rethink “minds”, rethink “doors”.

Constitutional Amendments – Ballot 1

The voting members of the Conference cast their ballots on the first group of Constitutional Amendments. The results were as follows:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
II	46	4 (1 invalid)
VI	48	3
VIII	41	10
IX	46	5
XV	49	2
XVII	45	6
XIX	47	4
XXII	49	2

Conference Council of Finance and Administration (CCFA) – Linda Dunham

Purpose: to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the annual conference.

In the months since the last gathering of the Alaska churches at annual conference, CCFA has discussed what the purpose statement above means in practice – how to best do the job of caring for the fiscal and administrative needs of the conference and how best to coordinate with the conference leadership to ensure that funds are available for the programs and ministries the conference may choose to undertake. Putting together an annual budget is, of course, part of our role, and that task takes no small amount of our time together. Working to provide fiscal and administrative health for the conference is much more than a budget, however. It involves

sharing of information. It involves reporting, in a transparent manner, the fiscal position of the conference. It involves coordination with other bodies within the conference to provide for the current ministries and to prepare financial support for those ministries which the conference identifies and plans to undertake in the future.

During the past year we have had the pleasure to work with Craig Parrish, our Conference Treasurer since our last annual conference, as he and his staff completed the transfer of our work to the Pacific Northwest Conference. Craig's experience, knowledge and caring for the churches in Alaska have made this process a joy, and we are blessed to be on the same team with him.

As part of the process of transferring the fiscal records over to the PNW office, we find that we are in need of thorough documentation of the origin and intention of all designated reserves held by the Alaska United Methodist Conference. While we are clear on the intended use of many of these funds, there are still others that need more clarity. CCFA has given a great deal of time to research of these funds – with that work done the Conference will have available reporting of each fund and its intended purpose and those funds can be put into active ministry at the appropriate time.

CCFA is also working as part of a team making decisions on recommendation for the disposition of funds received from the sale of property to ACS and with the team that is developing the vision for future ministries in our conference. We are encouraged and energized by the coordination and cooperation we see among the conference councils, committees, staff and all who are working to carry out the mission of the Alaska United Methodist Conference, and we look forward to the coming year as we "journey together into God's preferred future."

Recommendations:

- 1) Yearly requests for funding from the Alaska United Methodist Conference budget should, whenever possible, be submitted to the AUMC-CFA prior to the AUMC Winter Meetings. Requests for the 2011 budget shall be submitted to the CCFA no later than the conclusion of Winter Meetings 2010.
- 2) The apportionment grade figure used to determine local church apportionments will be the average over a three-year period of one-third of the membership grade figure and two thirds of the local church expenses. The 2010 grade point figure will be based on the statistics recorded in the 2006, 2007, and 2008 *Journals of the Alaska United Methodist Conference*.
(The local expense grade figure is each church's local expenses divided by the total local expenses of all churches. Local church expenditures include clergy support plus 25% of the pastor's salary as established by the Church / Charge Conference if the pastor is provided a parsonage and all other church expenses excluding:
 1. Rent payment for church facilities
 2. Principle and interest paid on indebtedness
 3. Payments on building improvements
 4. Non-apportioned benevolences paid by the local church
 5. Apportionments)
- 3) All churches are strongly encouraged to pay their apportionments in 10 equal installments beginning in January and ending in October.
- 4) Apportionments for new churches will be scheduled following their charter according to this formula:
 - a. Year One: No apportionments
 - b. Year Two: 1/3 of regular apportionments
 - c. Year Three: 2/3 of regular apportionments

d. Year Four: Full apportionments

- 5) There shall be a General Fund established, maintained, and administered by the Council on Finance and Administration. The Fund Balance shall provide working capital (cash flow) for the operation of the Conference, emergencies, and unexpected needs that arise from time to time. The annual net operating results in the Connectional Clergy Support, Connectional Administration, World Service and Conference Benevolence, and other General Funds not otherwise designated will provide the basis for this Fund.
- 6) The following general budgeted funds will have designated fund balances. The annual net operations of these funds will be transferred to the respective designated fund balance rather than revert to the General Fund:
 - a. Office Furniture & Equipment Replacement Fund
 - b. Delegate Expenses
 - c. Quadrennial Training Travel Fund
 - d. Health Insurance Fund
 - e. Pension Subsidy Fund
 - f. Annual Conference Meeting Fund
 - g. Emergency Maintenance Fund
 - h. Mission Aid Fund
 - i. Moving Fund
 - j. Equitable Compensation Fund
- 7) All persons traveling for the Alaska United Methodist Conference meetings of Committees, Commissions, and for the Annual Conference are expected to travel at the lowest possible fare, including advanced ticket purchases, partnership tickets and PFD tickets when available. While the use of the conference travel agent is available to all persons traveling on AUMC business, people are encouraged to do their own research and purchasing of tickets in order to find the lowest possible fare, submitting the receipt to the Conference Treasurer for reimbursement. Any fare submitted for reimbursement that is deemed by the Conference Treasurer not to be the lowest possible fare will be reimbursed only to the power of the lowest possible fare.
- 8) The following have been designated as Alaska United Methodist Conference Advance Specials:
 - a. Alaska Children's Services
 - b. Birchwood Camp
 - c. Eagle River Camp
 - d. Nome Community Center
 - e. Alaska Pacific University

All members of the Alaska United Methodist Conference are strongly encouraged to bring to the attention of United Methodists in Alaska these opportunities for giving.
- 9) An Emergency Maintenance Loan Fund was established by action of the 1996 Annual Meeting of the AMC for loans to local churches for emergency assistance with property, under policies developed by the Board of Trustees under the Administrative Unit.
- 10) It shall be the policy of the Alaska United Methodist Conference to pay 100% of all General Conference Apportionments. These funds are: Episcopal Fund, General; Conference Administration, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, World Service Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Black College Fund, Africa University Fund.

Chairperson Linda Dunham called attention to the 2010 Proposed Budget, and noted that the budget reflects the requests that CCFA has received. She pointed out that the Superintendent's salary is calculated using a set formula; Superintendent health insurance has increased because the Conference has not been providing full family coverage for the Superintendent's position for several years. The Clergy Recruitment line item, which is being removed from the 2010

budget, is not a long-standing budget item. She explained that the increase in the budget line item for the Conference Lay Leader reflects the increased demands placed on the person in that position. It is the AUMC's responsibility to pay for the increased representation demanded of our Lay Leader. An increase has been made in the amount budgeted for the Director of Connectional Ministries, to better reflect the actual demands of the position.

Treasurer Craig Parrish noted that apportionment receipts are currently running about 5 percent behind 2008. He briefly explained the annual financial report that was included in the Registration Packets, and made some slight corrections to the 2010 Proposed Budget. Lonnie Brooks pointed out that Conference Rules require any desired changes to the budget that are more than \$1000 be submitted to the body at least eight hours prior to the vote. Voting on the budget will be Sunday afternoon.

Alaska Children's Services (ACS) – Kelli Williams

ACS Spiritual Director Kelli Williams noted that we are all in ministry together. ACS is in tremendous need of foster families and also in need of families to provide respite for foster families. She encouraged members of the conference to carry word of these needs back to their communities, since foster families are needed around the state. She also pointed out a brochure available on the ACS display table that provides statistics about the success rate of the ACS programs. She suggested that the conference establish congregational liaisons, so that in-kind needs can be provided for in a timely fashion.

Charles Martindell introduced Chaplain Stephen Fisher, and Air Force chaplain currently stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base. Chaplain Fisher is a colleague of Charles' from the West Ohio Conference.

Committee on Nominations – Dennis Holway

Superintendent Dennis Howay made a brief explanation of those who have been nominated. Several additional names were lifted up, particularly in the area of Communications, which has been seriously understaffed. Voting on the slate of nominations was deferred until later in the conference.

Lupe Saafi offered a closing prayer. Members of the conference were dismissed for dinner at 5:35 p.m.

Friday, June 5 – 7:00 p.m. Memorial Communion Service

Rev. David Beckett preached on facing the changes and challenges of the present and future present without fear. The names of those from AUMC local churches who have passed away since the last Annual Conference were read and lovingly remembered. The offering that was collected will go to the 2008-09 AUMC Missional Priority, which is support of the work of Alaska Native Elders. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, and the service was concluded at 8:15 p.m.



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated as part of the Memorial Service on Friday evening

Saturday, June 6 – 8:30 a.m.

Saturday's session was opened with praise and worship.

Saturday, June 6 – 9:00 a.m.

Plenary #2

Bishop Hagiya highlighted some of the responses generated by the first visioning session. He then introduced the second step in the visioning process: Dream. Judy Shook led the members of the Conference in an exercise that exemplified how to dream with all five senses. Those in attendance were then dismissed to the Family Life Center for a small group discussion of the following:

- If you had no restrictions financially or programmatically, what would you like to see happen in our annual conference?
- What ideal vision can you see for our annual conference?

June 6 – 10:05 a.m. – Plenary #2 continued

Board of Pensions Report – Crystal Hayden

- Salary, for purposes of pension computation, shall be the sum of the following:
 - a. Cash salary, including Social Security allowance.
 - b. Housing allowance, or when parsonage is provided, 25% of the cash salary.
 - c. Tax deferred annuity contribution paid by the salary paying unit.

- The Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) contribution rate for 2010 shall be 3% of the appointed cleric's contribution base, full or part time, ordained or local pastor.
- The Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) contribution rate for 2010 shall be 3% of the contribution base of each appointed cleric. Part time local pastors are not covered under CPP.
- All ordained clergy under episcopal appointment within the AUMC and eligible for the AUMC pension program shall be covered by the CPP, including those receiving less than minimum salary.
- Clergy persons under Episcopal appointment (receiving compensation) at a local church, charge, conference or conference responsible unit or entity are eligible to participate in CRSP. (Part-time clergy may waive participation.)
- Diaconal ministers and other laics serving churches and related institutions within the AUMC and who are eligible may participate in the United Methodist Personal Investment Program (UMPIP). UMPIP is a voluntary retirement savings plan created by combining the Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund (CPBF) and the Personal Investment Plan (PIP), available as of January 2006.
- The Past Service Pension Rate (PSPR) for 2010 shall be \$600.00 per service year. It is the intention of the board that the PSPR be no less than 0.9% of the Conference Average Compensation (CAC).
- For pension recipients, the AUMC may designate up to 100% of the pension payments to be allocated as housing allowance by the individual cleric. The amount may be excludable from income for federal income tax purposes.
- For 2010 the following procedure will apply:
 - a. 100% of the pension obligation for the superintendent of the AUMC will be apportioned to the churches of the conference.
 - b. Each charge in the AUMC to which one or more UMC clerics are appointed will be directly billed by the AUMC Treasurer for the full amount of the pension obligation for the appointed UMC clergy.
 - c. Churches of the AUMC to which a UM clergy is not appointed will not be billed for pensions.
- Appointment to a fellowship, as opposed to an organized church, will have no effect on eligibility of an appointee for the accrual of pension benefits as herein provided.

Conference Benefits Officer Crystal Hayden noted that several changes have come to us from the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (GBOPHB):

- The family monthly contribution to the Health Flex plan will be increased to \$150 per month to reflect the increasing cost of health care in our conference and around the country.
- The recommended past service pension rate is \$600 per year of service, a 3.6 percent increase. Motion approved.
- The 3 percent rates for CRSP and CPP are mandated by the GBOPHB.

The entire report of the Board of Pensions was approved.

Crystal encouraged all clergy to sign up for the HealthFlex walking program, which allows clergy to earn a credit of up to \$300 for participation.

HealthFlex Report – Crystal Hayden

It is proposed that the participant's share of premiums be \$150.00 per month for 2010, which will be waived if the participant chooses single coverage, whether or not the participant is eligible for family coverage.

Family coverage under HealthFlex is optional. If a participant with a dependant family who has access to coverage in another plan opts out of the HealthFlex family coverage and for single coverage, the participant must attest to availability of an alternative employer sponsored group health insurance program with family coverage and provide the conference office with the name and address of the plan administrator. The waiver becomes effective when approved by the AUMC superintendent. If waived, family coverage in HealthFlex may be reinstated at any time. If reinstatement occurs, payment of the premium for family coverage under HealthFlex will be shared by the pastor and the local church for the remainder of the calendar year, and will not result in a recalculations of the blended rate for the conference until January 1 of the next year.

If a clergy couple is appointed to a charge, if each member of the couple is appointed to 50% or greater, and if the couple has no other dependents coverable under the plan, then each member of the couple must be included in the plan at the single rate. Otherwise, they are eligible to choose the family plan.

Each local church will be billed one of two rates for each participant:

1. If an appointed cleric or clergy couple serving one charge has elected or must be provided single coverage, whether or not the cleric is eligible for family coverage, then the local church will be billed the blended rate for the AUMC, less \$150 per month.
2. If an appointed cleric elects family coverage, the local church will be billed the blended rate, and, as provided above, the participant will pay \$150 per month of the premium, which may be deducted from the participant's salary by the church on a pretax basis.

The blended rate will be computed by dividing the estimated total HealthFlex premium obligation of the conference by the number of the participants. The number will be properly adjusted to account for the waiver of the \$115 per month premium payment for those churches served by single participants or participants who choose single coverage.

It is the intent of the Administrative Unit to maintain the participant's copay at 20%, and the annual out of pocket limit at \$3,000.00 for a covered individual and \$6,000.00 for a covered family. However, those rates cannot be fixed until the coverage options have been prepared and presented to the AUMC by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (GBOPHB).

Though final figures cannot be established until all appointments and participant elections have been made, for planning purposes it is **estimated** that the following rates will be chargeable to local churches:

1. Churches served by single clergy--\$1,510
2. Churches served by clergy family--\$1,658

Commission on Equitable Compensation – Richard Whetsell

- Minimum Salary for 2010 will be **\$35,850.00**
- Minimum cash base compensation will include
 - a. Cash Salary
 - b. Social Security Allowance
 - c. Tax Sheltered Annuity Contributions
 - d. The distribution of Minimum Salary among the items in a-c above shall be determined between the pastor and the charge.
- Additions to Minimum Salary

- a. Experience Factor—add \$200 per service year from date of ordination as a Deacon.
- b. In keeping with ¶359.6, retired clergy appointed to serve a charge in the AUMC will not have a claim on the minimum salary, including the experience factor.
- Area Cost of Living Adjustment—add the following amounts
 - i. Anchorage 0%
 - ii. Fairbanks 5%
 - iii. Juneau 5%
 - iv. Girdwood 7.5%
 - v. Kenai Peninsula 10%
 - vi. Ketchikan 10%
 - vii. Nome 45%
 - viii. Sitka 10%
 - ix. Unalaska 45%
 - x. Wasilla 0%
 - xi. Willow 10%
- Other Considerations
 - a. A parsonage and full utilities or reasonable housing allowance shall be provided to pastors serving full-time appointments
 - b. A local transportation allowance shall be provided to meet actual pastoral expenses in each situation
 - c. A minimum of \$1,000 for Continuing Education expenses shall be provided
- Equitable Compensation Fund for 2010 \$75,000
 - a. To receive support from the Equitable Compensation Fund a church must have approval from the AUMC Superintendent and the Commission on Equitable Compensation.
 - b. If a church desires paid staff beyond the pastor, no request for Equitable Compensation support will be granted without a staffing plan and budget approved by the Commission and the Superintendent.
 - c. Support from the fund is not available to any church which provides a compensation package exceeding the minimum for its location without the approval of the Commission and the Superintendent.
 - d. The amount of support provided to any church from the fund will be negotiated among the charge, the Commission, and the Superintendent.
 - e. The Superintendent will present annually to the Administrative Unit at its winter meeting in its capacity as the Commission on Equitable Compensation a plan developed by each charge in the AUMC receiving support from the Equitable Compensation Fund. The plan will address at least the following questions:
 - i. Can this charge reasonably forecast a time when, to provide for its pastor, direct financial support from the AUMC will not be required? If so, in what period of time can this be accomplished and what steps will be taken in order to bring this about?
 - ii. If this charge cannot forecast a time when Equitable Compensation Fund support will not be required to maintain a full time pastor, are there other viable options for ministry in this place that will allow a self supporting ministry, such as, but not limited to, merger of UM churches (¶ 2545), ecumenical shared ministry (¶ 207-211), or circuit or cooperative parish relationship with other UM churches (¶ 205.2)?
 - iii. If the forecast for this charge is that it will, for the foreseeable future, require

support from the Equitable Compensation Fund to maintain a full time pastor, and no cooperative relationship is possible that will help, and a state of permanent financial dependency on the AUMC is necessary and desirable, then the special circumstances of the charge that create this need and prevent financial independence shall be described in the plan.

Clergy Compensation Task Force – Funding COLA – David Elmore

The following recommendation was presented:

“After reviewing the issue, the members of the Task Force respectfully recommend that the current funding system for COLA remain in place, i.e., it should continue to be funded by the local churches.

“In addition, the conference has already established several funds for the support of local churches: the Equitable Compensation Fund, the Mission Aid Fund, and the HealthFlex Reserves Fund.

“In response to finding new ways to deploy ministry, we offer the following:

“The Task Force further believes that in some instances the COLA may put the pastor in the position of being one of the highest paid persons in the parish. For instance, in Nome, the pastor’s local transportation is provided for work-related purposes, thus the COLA may not need to be as high as it is. Our Task Force recommends that the Commission on Equitable Compensation take these factors more closely into account in the next decision when it prepares its recommendation on minimum salary.”

David Elmore offered a description of the task force’s process: The committee explored Disciplinary requirements for clergy compensation. This begins at the local church level. The Commission on Equitable Compensation is tasked with setting the minimum salary. The annual conference has several mechanisms for assisting struggling churches as they work to meet their required financial obligations.

The formula for calculating a pastoral salary is:

Minimum salary + Number of service years + COLA = required salary.

If a local church cannot pay that, the Conference is required to. That is why it is of utmost importance that local churches be able to shoulder their financial responsibilities, and why the conference has mechanisms in place to assist churches that struggle financially.

It was acknowledged that the committee’s assigned task was a bit hazy, so they will continue their work for another year. The following motion regarding their task was made:

Motion: “that the report of the Clergy Compensation Task Force be tabled for one year, with the request that they bring specific information to Annual Conference 2010 on what the cost to the conference may be, on how local churches may receive assistance from the mechanisms already in place, and that the Task Force have representation from both rural and urban areas. We also ask that the Task Force address the question of how this will be funded.”

Motion carried.

General Committee on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (GCCUIC) – Georgina Dapcevich

Georgina presented a video prepared by GCCUIC: *"Replacing White Privilege with God's Promise"*. Georgina also invited conference participants to engage in studies about white privilege in their local churches. The video she showed and other resources are available at GCCUIC.org.

United Methodist Women – Julia Smith

Julia reported that the UMW is alive and well in Alaska!

Mission education events will be offered around the conference, to which everyone (men and women) are invited. She also invited women to attend the Spiritual Growth Retreat which will be held September 25-27, 2009.

Archives and History – Larry Hayden

Larry took an opportunity to recognize Bea Shepherd for all her tireless work over the years to preserve a record of the work of Methodists in Alaska. A plaque was presented to her pastor, Imelda Ramos. It will be presented to Bea at home in Douglas, since she was not well enough to make the trip to Conference this year. The plaque read:

"Presented with profound appreciation to Bea Shepherd in recognition of your deep and abiding love for the Methodist movement and the role that it has had in shaping Alaska's destiny. Your tenacious and tireless work over six decades has helped preserve this story for future generations through the publication of Have Gospel Tent Will Travel and your distinguished service both on the Western Jurisdiction and General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church. Generations of youth and adults are indebted to you for your work in establishing Eagle River United Methodist Camp (SE) as a place of inspiration and renewal"

Report of the Lay Leader – Lonnie Brooks

Lonnie noted that, in the year when the first African-American was inaugurated as President of the United States, our Bishop is, for the first time in the history of our conference, not a white male.

He reported on the Request for Declaratory Decision that was sent from our Annual Conference 2008 to the Judicial Council. The Council side-stepped the issue two times, once at its meeting in October, and once at its meeting in April. The second time, they did consider the issue, but ruled that, because the issues raised by the request were not reflective of actual issues being dealt with currently in our Conference, we had no right to raise them. There were two significant dissensions from the majority ruling, and Lonnie believes this will be clarified at the next General Conference in 2012.

He announced that the dates of the Alaska Lay School of Theology will be September 18 & 19, and invited both laity and clergy to attend.

Lonnie concluded his remarks by stating that John Wesley depended largely upon the laity to do much of the work of early Methodism. This became especially true as Methodism moved to the American colonies, and there were very few clergy to meet the spiritual needs of the burgeoning country. However, as times passed, the Methodist Episcopal Church in America began to push laity aside. By the time the ME Church joined with the ME South and Methodist Protestant denominations in 1939, the marginalization of the laity was virtually complete. He believes, however, that it is time for the laity to once again educate themselves on the issues

facing our church and step into the fray that is church leadership, and challenged all laity present to do just that.

Motions regarding the Proposed 2010 Budget – members of the Conference

Several motions regarding the 2010 Budget were brought to the floor. They included:

- That the line item for the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) be reduced by \$23,500
- That the line item for New Ministries be reduced by \$5000
- That the line item for Church and Community Worker be reduced by \$5000
- That the total amount budgeted for the Regional Program Councils be reduced by \$4000 (distribution to be determined by CCC)
- That a line item be added for conference United Methodist Men (UMM) in the amount of \$900
- That Apportionments be held to an increase of no more than 2 percent

All motions were approved, and will be passed on to CCFA, who will meet during the lunch break and provide the conference with an updated budget proposal.

Motion on Ballot #2 – A motion was made to postpone Ballot #2 until after the lunch break. Motion carried.

The Conference was dismissed to lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Saturday, June 6 – 1:00 p.m. Plenary #3

The third plenary session began with a continuation of the visioning process: Design.

Saturday, June 6 – 2:30 p.m. Plenary #3 (continued)

Ballot #2 – The World-Wide Nature of the Church

Ballot results:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
III	41	11
IV	40	12
V	42	10
VII	40	12
X	39	13
XI	42	10
XII	42	10
XIII	41	11
XIV	41	11
XVI	41	11
XVIII	42	10
XX	40	12
XXI	42	10
XXIII	40	12

XXIV	42	10
XXV	42	10
XXVI	41	11
XXVII	42	10
XXVIII	42	10
XXIX	42	9
1 abstention		
XXX	42	10
XXXI	41	11
XXXII	41	11

Petition #1 – Abbe Dunning-Newbury

The petition was amended to read:

“The CCFA shall develop and recommend to the AUMC fiscal policies and procedures for guiding all committees, task forces, agencies, employees, and volunteers engaged in AUMC activities, missions, and ministries. CCFA will undertake this project as soon as possible following the close of the 2009 session of the conference, and shall complete its work prior to the 2010 conference, presenting a report for conference action at that time. CCFA may present a preliminary report to the Conference Coordinating Council (CCC), which shall have authority to implement on behalf of the AUMC all or any part of the recommended policies and procedures as they are revised and amended by the CCC.”

The petition was approved as amended.

Superintendent’s Address – Dennis Holway

Top Ten Things about Church that Get Dennis Excited!

1. The ongoing cooperation and collaboration that is happening between the mainline denominations in Alaska..
2. The vision our denomination currently has; we are doing a lot of things that make a difference in our world
3. The AUMC’s cooperative work with the Pacific Northwest Conference.
4. Laura Skiba, who has agreed to take over leadership of the Conference Council on Youth Ministry.
5. Each of the AUMC local churches who have engaged in a study and implementation of *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*.
6. Our new Director of Connectional Ministries.
7. The lay leadership, native leadership, UMM and UMW leadership of our conference.
8. The quality of the three interims who will be serving churches in Alaska this year.
9. Bishop Hagiya, David Beckett, Crystal Hayden, and Lonnie Brooks.
10. “Rethink Church”, which tells us that we are to view each of our churches as a source of hope.

Report of the United Methodist Men – Jim LaBau

Following a description of the UMM’s activities during the past year, Jim and Charlie Brower were sent out with prayers and God’s blessing as they attend the UMM convocation in Nashville this July.

Report of the Statistician – Jim LaBau

Jim provided an overview of the statistics and trends in our conference, and promised a newly-revised set of forms developed for the new quadrennium.

Constitutional Amendments – Ballot #3

	YES	NO
I.	43	5

Updated Report of the Committee on Nominations – Dennis Holway

Dennis pointed out the names that had been added to fill out the slate of nominations.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was approved.

Updated 2010 Proposed Budget – Linda Dunham

Linda reported that CCFA met during the lunch hour and accepted all recommendations for changes to the 2010 Conference Budget that were made from the floor during the morning plenary session. The changes include:

- New Ministries – line item adjusted to \$30,000 (down \$5,000)
- Church and Community Worker – line item adjusted to \$15,000 (down \$5,000)
- Conference Council on Youth Ministry – line item adjusted to \$8,000 (down \$23,000)
- Regional Program Councils – adjusted to \$16,500 (down \$4,000)
- Conference United Methodist Men – line item added \$900 (up \$900)
- In response to the request that Apportionments increase by no more than 2 percent from 2009 to 2010 recommends that \$30,000 of the funds budgeted and apportioned in 2009 and unspent for the Director of Connectional Ministries be used to fund that position in 2010 (carried over). The result will be to change the income line item on the budget for “From Reserves” to \$42,000. Apportionments will increase a total of 2.2 percent in 2010.

Alaska Children’s Services – David Beckett

David Beckett, President of the Board of Alaska Children’s Services, welcomed Jim Maley, the Director of ACS, and congratulated the conference on the successful sale of the property. Jim Maley noted that we are still in ministry together, and he hopes we will be for many more years to come.

Conference Coordinating Council – Missional Priorities 2009-2011 – Peter Perry

The Conference Coordinating Council continues to coordinate the conference... or at least we try to! The unique nature of ministry in Alaska, with our far flung churches and the escalating costs of bringing people together to meet makes the work of this body a challenge. We have met twice this year, at the conclusion of the Fall meetings in October and following the Winter meetings in February. Our work has been particularly challenging this year due to the transitional nature of our leadership as we welcome a new bishop, an interim superintendent, new conference treasurer, and a new chairperson. The CCC has encouraged the formation of a visioning task force, given oversight to the formation of a search committee for the DCOM

position, established a task force to work on the disposition of the funds received from the sale of the Alaska Children's Services property, and held conversation about our relationship and responsibility to Alaska Pacific University. We have welcomed the input of the various conference program and administration committees, especially the Regional Program Councils, in the development of new missional priorities for the coming years. Notable highlights of our work include the following:

- We are recommending to the conference that the current missional priority actually be two emphases for two years (June 2009 – June 2011), and that they be global clean water initiatives and the development of increased support for and awareness of campus ministries within the borders of our annual conference.
- Acting on the recommendation of CFA, the CCC authorized the conference treasurer to reimburse local congregations for apportioned funds raised for the DCOM position but unused do to the delay in filling the position.
- Instructed the Nominations Committee to form a Board of Directors to supervise campus ministries in the AUMC.
- Acting in response to concerns from the Conference Council on Youth Ministries to increase the 2010 budget significantly to provide opportunities for developing conference youth programs and leadership.

As chair, I hope to encourage development of communication tools for our work that will allow for more frequent communication on matters of conference policy and direction, and wider diversity in our input from the regional program councils and local churches. The membership of the CCC serve by virtue of their leadership in each of the major leadership teams in the conference, and though we come to the table with our own issues and priorities, we always seem to manage to find consensus while celebrating the contributions each group brings to the overall ministry of our conference. I know that the members join me in affirming that it is an honor to serve the AUMC through our work on the Conference Coordinating Council.

David Elmore, representing CCC chair Peter Perry, announced that our conference's missional priorities for the next two years will be:

- The Global Clean Water Initiatives – which works to enhance the availability of clean water to those around the world who do not currently have ready access to it.
- Increased awareness of and support of campus ministry within the boundaries of Alaska.

The AUMC Relations with Alaska Pacific University (APU) – Doug Lindsay

Doug gave a brief history of APU. It began as a vision of P. Gordon Gould, an Alaska Native who envisioned a school that would provide quality college education to Alaska Natives. On June 28, 1959, Alaska United Methodist University was dedicated. It had a rocky beginning, as funding was scarce, and it was forced to close its doors for a year at one point. But it was soon reopened, with special support from The Methodist Church. In 1978, the name of the university was changed to Alaska Pacific University to reflect both the diversity of the college community and its place on the Pacific rim. The bylaws of the university were changed in 1995 and since that time there has been no executive (Bishop or Superintendent) United Methodist representation on the Board of Trustees. There are, however, at least five United Methodists who serve as members of the Board.

Doug then spoke about the Rural Alaska Native Adult (RANA) long-distance education program. It is an online program which requires students to come to the University twice each year to work on their degrees in residence. Doug has been working with the GBGM, and they have given their approval to the assignment of an Advance Special number specifically for the RANA program. Our support of this program brings Dr. Gould's vision full circle.

Lonnie Brooks noted that Wanda Bigham of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry has visited APU during the past year, and believes that it deserves to continue its relationship with the UMC. She believes the bylaws should be changed to reflect that an AUMC executive should be a voting member of the Board of Trustees. Bishop Hagiya will write a letter to the Board to that effect.

Robbie Robinson pointed out that The United Methodist Church is the only denomination still supporting campus ministry at APU.

It was suggested that someone from APU be invited to speak at next year's Annual Conference.

On another note, Doug reported that eighteen people had been in attendance at the first-ever clergy retirees luncheon, which was held at Gallo's Restaurant. A good time was had by all, and they plan to make it an annual event.

Two Million Dollar Task Force – Dennis Holway

Motion: "That the AUMC invest the proceeds from the sale of property to Alaska Children's Services in the Pacific Northwest Conference Foundation's Intermediate Fund, pending a decision on the visioning process by the AUMC; further, that the CCC be the body to coordinate the disposition of the proceeds with respect to the visioning process."

Motion carried.

Annual Conference 2010 – Bishop Hagiya

The dates for Annual Conference 2010 will be June 4-6. It will be held at Anchor Park UMC.

The Conference dismissed for dinner at 5:05 p.m.

Saturday, June 6 – 7:00 p.m. Service of Farewell

At the evening service, the Denman Award was presented to Dennis Holway. The Layperson of the Year was awarded to JoAnne Hayden.

The conference bid farewell to Jesse Perry, Trent and Linda Baggett, and Jim and Maggie Campbell, and thanked Dennis Holway for his willingness to serve with grace as our interim Superintendent during the transition in Conference leadership.

Sunday, June 7, 2009

3:15 p.m. – Plenary #4

Plenary session #4 was called to order with a song led by Judy Shook.

CCFA – Linda Dunham

The amended 2010 Budget as presented to the members of the conference on Saturday afternoon was approved. Thanks were extended to Linda, the members of her committee, and Conference Treasurer Craig Parrish for all their work during the past year.

Lori Staats made the following motion: "That the AUMC send greetings and congratulations to Alaska Pacific University on its fiftieth anniversary, which will be celebrated June 28, 2009." Motion carried.

Conference Chancellor Abbe Dunning-Newbury asked for information from churches about their Safe Sanctuaries policies (or lack thereof).

John Dodson offered words of thanks to the members of the conference for the warm welcome he received. He thinks this might just be the best Annual Conference in the United States.

Jim LaBau offered thanks to the members and staff of St. John UMC for hosting us.

Lonnie Brooks gave a brief update on his work in the larger denomination. He noted that Georgina Dapceovich is serving on GCCUIC, and he is serving on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) for the quadrennium. He explained that GBHEM has two main divisions: a Division of Ordained Ministry (on which he and Bishop Hagiya serve) and a Division of Higher Education. Much of the work at GBHEM is staff driven, and Lonnie is still struggling to figure out what his role should be. He received chuckles from his listeners when he allowed that he will probably be assertive enough to work it out over the coming four years (the rest of us have no doubt).

He has been elected to serve on the newly-formed "*Committee on Faith and Order*". Their task is to tackle the issue of ecclesiology: what is the nature and work of the Church.

At Bishop Hagiya's request, Lonnie also addressed the issue of the restructuring of the Jurisdiction that is scheduled to happen in 2012. At that time the Western Jurisdiction will reduce its number of bishops by one. That is quite a blow to us, since we currently only have six bishops. One proposal is that some of the Annual Conferences and Episcopal areas in the Jurisdiction be reshuffled. Yellowstone, which has been struggling for quite some time, may be joined with Rocky Mountain. Oregon-Idaho, PNW and the AUMC may become one episcopal area. It is also possible that Oregon-Idaho and PNW will be merged into one conference, with Seattle as its headquarters, and that the newly-formed conference and the AUMC will be one episcopal area.

Rose McLean, in her position as Chair of the Children's Section of the Curriculum Resource Committee, reminded us that, as churches in a missionary conference, we are entitled to receive 50 percent off all the curriculum we order (all dated curriculum, VBS, etc.) The orders must be placed over the phone rather than online, however, in order to receive this discount.

Bishop Hagiya announced that the AUMC's new Director of Connectional Ministries (DCM) will be Leila Disburg. She will continue in her role as co-pastor of East Anchorage and Anchor Park UMCs one-quarter time for the present, in order to allow her churches to have an orderly transition. She will serve as DCM three-quarters time.

Leila Disburg addressed the Conference: Moving to Alaska two years ago felt like coming home to her. This is a very exciting opportunity. She has a passion for mission, a passion for Jesus Christ, and for making disciples for the transformation of the world. She is looking forward to getting to know the pastors and churches of Alaska.

Bishop Hagiya described a new ethos that is emerging in our conference. The Conference Staff is there to resource the local churches. Discipleship and disciple-making take place best at the local level. Transformation of the world takes place best as we reach out. "Nothing But Nets" is a perfect example of the church reaching out in a powerful way. "NBN" is working to provide mosquito nets for all the people of Sierra Leone during the coming quadrennium. One person, one country at a time, we are working to eradicate malaria from the world.

Conference Secretary Debra Lindsay-Hudgins moved that the 38th Session of the Alaska United Methodist Conference be adjourned. Motion carried.

B. Disciplinary Questions

The answers to these questions are on file with the conference Secretary. Most of the information is contained in other parts of the journal.

C. Appointments Conference Year 2009-2010

Code:

AMD - Associate Member, Deacon
DM - Diaconal Minister
FD - Deacon in Full Connection
FE - Full Elder
OF - Member of Other Denomination
* - Less than fulltime

RE - Retired Elder
FL - Full-time Local Pastor
PL - Part-time Local Pastor
PE - Probationary Elder
(I) - Interim

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Charge – Church</u>		
Superintendent	David Beckett	1
Director of		
Connectional Ministries	Leila Disburg	1
Anchorage:		
Anchor Park	Jon Disburg FE	3
East	Jon Disburg FE	3
First	Debra Lindsay-Hudgins FE	10
First Samoan	Sailitai Maga* FL	6/13
Jewel Lake	Lauren Kay Shock FE	9
Korean	Woo Shoung Park * PE	5
St. John	John Dodson RE (I)	1
	JoAnn Schaadt FE	4
	J. Rose McLean DM	23
Turnagain	Dale Kelley OF (I)	1
Chugiak	Carlo Rapanut FE	2
Douglas		
Douglas Community	Imelda Ramos FE	5

Fairbanks			
First	Thomas Telfer FE	5	
Girdwood			
Girdwood Chapel	James Doeppen FE	10	
Homer			
Homer	Charles Martindell FE	2	
Juneau:			
Aldersgate	Judy Shook FE	2	
Northern Light United	Kim Poole FE (I)	1	
Kenai:			
New Covenant	Martha (Marti) Slater FE	2	
Ketchikan:			
First	Evelyn (Ev) Erbele GBGM	2	
	Terrence (Teri) Erbele GBGM	2	
Ninilchik:			
St. Peter the Fisherman	Julie Wasser* PL	7	
Nome:			
Community	Julie Yoder Elmore* IP	2	
	David Elmore* IP	2	
North Kenai:			
North Star	Laura Skiba FE	6	
North Pole:			
New Hope	Karen Martin Tichenor FE	2	
Seward/Moose Pass	Peter Perry FE	3	
Sitka	Luther Oconer FE (I)	1	
Soldotna	Richard Whetsell FE	5	
Unalaska	Daniel Wilcox FE		3
Wasilla/Palmer:			
Christ First &	Tori Hicks FE	2	
Palmer Fellowship	Robert Hicks* FE	2	
Willow	Stephen Eldred FE	9	
Extension Appointment			
Elder in Residence	Della Waghiyi RE	3	
Deaconess			
Willow/Anvik/Grayling	Fran Lynch	13	
Church & Community Worker			



"He said *what?!?*"

C. Laypersons and Harry Denman Award Recipients

Year	Layperson of the Year	Harry Denman Award
2009	JoAnne Hayden, Anchor Park	<i>Dennis Holway</i> , Turnagain
2008	Betty J. Worthington, Chugiak	Lynne Kennedy, Ninilchik
2007	KJ Metcalf, Northern Light	Kay Abrams, Chugiak
2006	Karen Chase, Seward	*
2005	Arlene Wood, Jewel Lake	<i>Walt Hays</i> , St. John
2004	Keith Sworts, First Fairbanks	Rose McLean, St. John
2003	Leslie Baker, Nikiski	Arlene Brovald, Jewel Lake
2002	*	*
2001	Don Gotschall	*
2000	*	*
1999	*	*
1998	*	Fran Lynch & <i>Jim Campbell</i> , Willow
1997	Susie Smalley, Soldotna	*
1996	Natalie Brooks, Chugiak	*
1995	Phyllis Folta, Willow	<i>Sailitai Maga</i> , Turnagain & <i>Waldemar Bobrowski</i> , Ninilchik
1994	Jodi Martinez, East Anchorage	<i>Bonnie Campbell</i> , Unalaska
1993	Dale Davidson, Turnagain	Jan Cawvey, First Anchorage
1992	May Campbell, Aldersgate	<i>Divid Fison</i> , St. John & Verda Carey, Douglas
1991	Ellen Northrup, Aldersgate	Harry & Ann Janzen, Sitka
1990	Maynard Gross, Homer	Les & Betty Ludlum, St. John & <i>John Campbell</i> , Aldersgate
1989	Verda Carey, Douglas	Lane Reese, St. John
1988	Natalie Brooks, Chugiak	Julia Smith, Sitka & <i>Wayne Weld-Martin</i> , St. John
1987	Roland Stanton, Ketchikan	Sharon Cooper, Aldersgate
1986	Bea Shepard & Claudia Kelsey, Douglas	Richard Haight, Northern Light & <i>Geo-Chang Park</i> , Anchorage

		Korean
1985	Eva Christian, Willow/Parks Hwy.	Jackie Campbell, Seward & Jack Christiansen, Parks Hwy.
1984	*	John Garvin, ACS & Willie Senungetuk, Nome
1983	*	Nu & Halatoa Saulala, Tongan & Samoan; & Art Edwards, Anchor Park
1982	*	Jim Buffington & Reese Havens, First ANC; & Joyce Edwards, Anchor Park
1981	*	Robert Smay, St. John
*	No information or no award given	Clergy denoted in <i>italics</i>

V. REPORTS TO THE CONFERENCE

A. Regional Program Councils

Kenai Regional Program Council – Sandy Stark

John 4:36 says *"He who reaps...gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may rejoice together."* Our connections through time, changing church leadership and membership show what is sowed in Christ's name is often harvested at a later time. Likewise, we acknowledge the efforts of those who came before us.

Together we have:

- Gathered for a summer social of Kenai Peninsula Methodist at the Kenai Municipal Park where three new clergy and their families were welcomed
- Learned more about Mission education through UMW at Homer.
- Continued Kairos ministry involvement at Wildwood Correctional Center
- Gathered for winter Christmas social at Richard & Karolann Whetsell's home in Soldotna.
- Provided financial support to the Hope Retreat Center
- Provided financial support for future youth mission trips
- Developed plans to promote trips for campus ministry in the Alaska United Methodist Conference
- Developed and implemented a local church leadership training event
- Hosted a welcoming potluck celebration and worship for our new bishop at Soldotna UMC
- Designed, made and distributed quilt squares by each of the 7 churches for each of the 7 churches on the Kenai

Northern Regional Program Council – Tom Telfer & Karen Martin Tichenor

The regional in our name is quite humorous as we range from Fairbanks to Nome to Wasilla to Unalaska! Each year the "Northern" Region gets together for a retreat that gives us a "smaller group" opportunity to share our life and ministry and to create a fleeting sense of support from one another. I believe that this is incredibly important for all of us and especially for our far flung outposts.

Each of us are facing challenging times and feel deeply our sense of isolation and (in the past) even neglect. The number one need as a Regional Council is to continue our "holy conferencing" and for the Conference Superintendent and the new Director of Connectional Ministries be a full participant each year. We cannot stress enough how important this is to the Clergy and Lay leadership from the churches of this region. Many of our challenges can be met with a unified front and with the needed communication and support if anchored in this once a year meeting/retreat. Again...we cannot stress enough how important having the key Conference leaders is to the Clergy and Lay leadership from the churches of this region as we move into the future.

South Central Regional Program Council - Leila Disburg

Our work this past year has included a Fall retreat to help us discern goals for the South Central Regional Program Council. These are the areas we are and will be working in:

- Exploring, discerning a model, getting training and leadership for house churches.
- Explore an alternate ministry site for the Anchorage area that would reach people our churches don't currently reach.
- Our emphasis for our work is evangelism.
- Share at our meetings and through the Aurora Witness what is happening in our churches.
- Leadership training for local churches.

This past year we again supported the successful Lay School of Theology, made a recommendation to the CCC for the next missional priority, made money available to fund delegates to General Conference and gathered to support and encourage one another.

Southeast Regional Program Council – Trent Baggett

The Southeast Region Program Council has been blessed to have had such great discussions in our meetings this year for setting goals and planning for the future. The members of the committee truly have a positive outlook for ministry in southeast, and in meeting and addressing needs in our respective settings. We were unable to make a team for our long-planned-for Volunteer in Mission trip to south Texas this year due to scheduling and economic factors; however, we will continue to plan for another VIM opportunity next year.

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations was a focus for the southeast in 2008-2009. Our respective congregations created their own methods of studying the book and reported back in the fall meeting when we had the opportunity of having Dennis Holway with us. Our discussions regarding ideas and ministry possibilities which grew from the sharing of experience and input from each church as a result of participating in the study were inspiring and very thought-provoking.

Eagle River Camp has been another major area of focus for the program council. We are in the process of investigating certification and making sure the camp is ready for campers and VIM teams alike, as well as the many other groups which use the camp throughout the year. Northern Light hosted the Advanced Lay Speakers workshop in May and the concept of creating a lending library in the past has been very helpful to many of our churches this year. Aldersgate hosted a *Godly Play* event in the early spring. Now we look forward to summer camping experiences and touching lives through sharing our faith and making disciples for Jesus Christ.

B. Administrative Unit – Nora Ortiz Fredrick

In the first meeting, quadrennial officers were elected: Nora Fredrick Ortiz, chair/president; David Means, vice-chair/vice-president; David Elmore, secretary; Craig Parrish, Treasurer.

Portfolio assignments were made as follows:

- Conference Rules Committee: Debra Lindsay-Hudgins
- Alaska U.M. Foundation: John Gerrish
- Commission on Equitable Compensation: Richard Whetsell
- Board of Pensions: Crystal Hayden
- Church Location & Buildings: David Means

First Samoan United Methodist Church did not file the appropriate paperwork for recognition of their exempt status with the Municipality of Anchorage at the time of purchase of their church building. The result was assessment of taxes for 2006 and 2007. In order to avoid foreclosure, the Board of Trustees authorized the payment of \$6,267.69 for 2006 taxes and penalties. An appeal was made to the Municipal Assembly for forgiveness of these back taxes. The Assembly waived the 2007 taxes, however, did not waive the 2006 taxes.

UMC of Sitka requested funding of \$26,900 from the Emergency Maintenance Loan Fund to pay for repairs caused by flooding, as well as delayed maintenance items. The loan is for one year, and Sitka submitted plans to repay the loan with the sale of property gifted to the church.

GBGM has deeded nearly all of the agreed properties to the AUMC and its local churches. These include church properties of Wasilla, North Star, Soldotna, Moose Pass and Unalaska, as well as the ACS property, Kimberly Manor, Rabbit Creek and Hyder properties. There is a question about who is entitled to the Rabbit Creek properties – the AUMC or St. John. GBGM has also asked the AUMC to take the property that houses the Nome Community United Methodist Church. This request is currently under discussion with church and conference leaders.

In March, the AUMC sold the ACS property to Alaska Children's Services for \$2 million. The task force formed to put forward a recommendation for the use of these funds is working in conjunction with the Visioning task force to develop a plan for the best use of these funds.

The Board of Trustees has requested the return of compensation from the former superintendent Rachel Lieder Simeon for a time period when she was not employed by the AUMC.

For HealthFlex, Board of Pensions, and Equitable Compensation Reports, see pages 27-31.

C. Council on Finance and Administration – Linda Dunham

For report, see page 23.

D. Professional Ministry Unit – David Beckett

Accomplishments since last annual conference include:

- New Clergy Orientation which included orientation of our new bishop and his wife!
- Compiled a booklet that introduces new clergy to Alaska and our conference.
- Conversation about organizing our retired and extension clergy.
- Referred request for PMU to govern the APU campus ministry to conference nominating committee.
- Increased Methodist Education Fund (MEF) grants to \$500. Rose McLean is the gatekeeper of this fund.

- Affirmed David and Julie Elmore in their candidacy process. David and Julie were approved by the PNW BOM and will be commissioned this June in Seattle.
- Interviewed and approved Jennifer Beckett Smith as a certified candidate for ministry.
- Chair, David Beckett, and Registrar, Peter Perry attended national/conference training events.
- Arranged for Anchorage location for the Professional Church Worker's Retreat.
- Bishop Hagiya arranged for cultural and sexual ethics training.
- At the request of Bishop Hagiya we approved the compensation package for the new Director of Connectional Ministries.
- Conducted annual interview with local pastor, Julie Wasser.

E. Ministerial Education Fund – David Beckett

Ministerial Education Funds are available for persons under appointment to be used for continuing education. At this point the amount is \$500/year, depending on availability. To apply for these funds, contact Rose McLean. Persons who have accessed those funds this year are: Imelda Ramos, Carlo Rapanut, Rose McLean, Jim Campbell, Kay Shock, and Dan Wilcox.

F. Superintendent– Dennis Holway

It has been an honor to serve as your interim Superintendent this past year. As many of you know I had been part of a Superintending Team 11 years ago. At that time the three of us had responsibilities for our local church although only half time. We also had part time staff to assist with our congregations. It seemed to work well and was certainly thinking outside the box. However in all things there is a time to come and a time to go. After 13 years as Pastor of TUMC I attempted my first effort as a retired pastor. Shortly after I was asked by Bishop Paup to serve part time as the Conference DCM. That effort was successful for another year until I retired a second time. Somewhere in there I was asked to serve as the interim Superintendent and that experience is now beginning to come to a close.

Backing up several months . . . as I began my role as Superintendent it soon became clear there were many directives as a result of the 2008 Annual Conference. Several Task forces were formed throughout the year to respond to these directives, including the following: the sale of the ACS property, the determination of the use of those funds, the ongoing discussion of COLA and how it impacts our churches, the hiring of our Director of Connectional Ministry, and the Visioning process for our Conference. With the help of able clergy and laity we have been able to accomplish most of these challenges.

Fortunately we have been blessed with a host of competent lay and clergy who are committed to Christ and the Church. Together we seek to “do no harm, do good, and to stay in love with God.”

I am extremely grateful for our Conference Committee Chairs and members for all the work and preparation they do throughout the year. Lonnie Brooks and Craig Parrish have provided much information and personal support. Our Chancellor, Abbe Dunning-Newbury has been willing to go the extra mile on behalf of the Conference, and her efforts are greatly appreciated. Crystal has done a great job in the office and is becoming more and more proactive in her position. I especially appreciate her friendship.

We are extremely fortunate to have Grant Hagiya as our Bishop. If we didn't know it before, it became very evident at our clergy winter meeting.

The Conference Office at East Anchorage is quite adequate and works nicely as a shared facility.

In closing I am pleased that David Beckett will be the new Superintendent. The Discipline indicates that a Superintendent serves for 6 years. I trust David will live those years creatively and graciously.

G. Conference Lay Leader – Lonnie Brooks

Today, we know we are in the midst of change if we know we are alive. To paraphrase Descartes, we live, therefore we change. To remain in a static condition when everything around us is changing is simply not an option.

The Alaska United Methodist Conference is in an exciting period of opportunity. We've got new leadership, new resources, and some new ideas for creative ministries in some new places as well as some of the old. And I'm excited about the opportunity I have as the relatively new Lay Leader of the Conference to help keep the ministry of the laity an integral part of how we respond to our opportunities for transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

Bishop Grant Hagiya has been intentional about including Amory Peck, the Lay Leader of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, and me in the Ministry Cabinet of the Seattle Episcopal Area, and I'm exploring with Amory the possibility of developing an area wide concept for the Board of Laity. Amory and I both attended the annual meeting of the Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders (AACLL) which met in Sacramento in February, 2009. The AACLL is the only general church body which focuses exclusively on how to empower United Methodist lay people for meaningful participation in the full life of the Church.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you, lay and clergy alike, to help our conference fulfill its mission.

H. Commission on Archives and History – Michael Cline

The Commission welcomed four new members this year: Julie Wasser, Doug Stark, Phyllis Sullivan, and Ida Dailey. We hope they will stimulate greater involvement in all aspects of United Methodist history.

Archivist Larry Hayden and Commission Chair Mike Cline attended the Western Jurisdictional meeting in Denver last April and were able to glean several things that will enhance the jurisdictional meeting to be held in Homer this year.

Much effort has been put into planning the April 23-26 meeting in Homer by both the local committee and the Commission. The event will be hosted by the Homer church. Tours of the local area, speakers on Alaska and United Methodist history, and meals with local fare will be featured.

Larry Hayden attended a four-day archival training session at Commission headquarters at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. The conference was funded by the General Commission to upgrade archivist skills and increase the depth of their understanding.

Finally, we have encouraged use of our archives that are located at 1660 Patterson St. in Anchorage. Contact Larry at 907-279-4862 or if you wish to explore the archives, if you have a historical question, or if you have items of United Methodist historical significance to donate to the archives.

I. New Ministries – Jon Disburg

The New Ministries Committee has approved grants totaling \$18,000 since the 2008 meeting of the Alaska Conference of the United Methodist Church. Following is a brief summary of the approved grants:

- Juneau Douglas UMC for media equipment to enhance a movie ministry
- Ninilchik St. Peter the Fisherman UMC for chimes to enhance worship and children's ministries
- Alaska Children's Services to help fund Memorial Chapel renovation
- South Central Regional Planning Committee to provide leadership training for establishing house church ministry
- 1st UMC, Ketchikan, to fund homeless ministry
- Palmer UMC to assist movement toward full time ministry
- Nome UMC to establish after school ministry
- Juneau Aldersgate UMC to fund Godly Play teacher training for children's drama ministry
- Seward Memorial UMC to establish campus ministry
- Soldotna UMC to establish community ALPHA program
- Unalaska UMC to establish a child care program

At the winter meetings in February, 2009, the Committee approved a challenge budget that would double the Conference's commitment to the support of the Willow-Anvik-Grayling ministry as well as doubling the monies available for New Ministries grants.

J. Native Ministries – Charles Brower

The Native Ministries Committee concentrated its efforts this past year to discussing, understanding and planning lay leader development training to address the shortage of pastors in many rural communities. Our discussions included soliciting opinions and experiences of ordained native clergy, trained lay leaders and selected interested community leaders of other main line denominations (Episcopal, Presbyterian and Moravian). These discussions lead us in developing possible scenarios our committee would recommend to the Alaska United Methodist Conference in forming solutions to the problem.

Interaction with ordained native clergy and trained lay leaders lead us in better understanding how communities benefit, develop workable long-term solutions, and identify positives gained within communities with clergy and lay leaders actively involved. Training lay leaders (Presbyterian Churches in Gambell and Wainwright) currently lead existing Presbyterian congregations. New lay leaders undergo training normally in concert with semi-annual or annual meetings. Episcopal priests mentor and oversee training of new deacons. While lay leaders and ordained deacons provide needed local church services, many still desire ordained ministry to partake of elements, baptisms and other rites reserved for ordained clergy.

We hosted the seventh annual "Giving Voice" gathering of elders. Elders representing Presbyterian, Episcopal, Friends, Moravian, Covenant, Roman Catholic, and United Methodists gathered for three days of sharing God related experiences, concerns, and ideas. Our service project was to interact with the students at Alaska Children's Services. Both youth and elders enjoyed interaction, sharing food, and story telling.

Della Waghiyi participated in lay leader and lay missionary training offered by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference this spring. OIMC trains lay leaders to serve in communities lacking ordained ministers and lay missionaries present OIMC to other conferences and communities. Ray Buckley participated as instructor for the OIMC lay missionary training.

Both Della and Ray participated in discussions with several churches and college multi-cultural study classes presenting an "Alaskan experience" for Oklahomans.

The Native Ministries committee desires identification of all native congregants within the Alaska United Methodist Conference so we can more fully address concerns, desires, and ideas of all Native Alaskans within our conference.

K. Communications – Jim Doeppen

If our big success story last year was *The Aurora Witness* getting published again, the big news from this past conference year was the renewal of our conference web site, which is getting updated every once in a while. That's a big change from where we've been. You can find links to many of our conference ministries and you can now download many of the forms utilized by the conference. We're still working on a chat feature to have discussions about conference issues. But, little bit by little bit, it's beginning to take shape.

In addition to the conference website, the Communications Team has been gearing up to how we can be an integral part of our "*Rethinking Church*" campaign from the United Methodist Church. It is hoped that we will be able to provide resources and support to the local churches in new and exciting ways.

The Communications Team ran into problems with their Logo Contest...and it wasn't the quality of the logos. It has been determined that a logo-design should probably not be adopted until the Visioning Task Force had completed its work. And, to avoid "putting the cart before the horse" we will hold off on adopting an official logo until we have more fully defined who and what we are as a conference. Thank you, however, to all the great designs that were submitted.

In the coming year, the Communications Team plans to continue exploring the "branding" of the Alaska United Methodist Conference--what it is that we want to tell the world about ourselves and how we go about doing that.

L. Outdoor Ministries – Von Cawvey

In the face of the dismal economy, it would be easy to throw up one's arms and start cutting programs, but history teaches us that opportunity can often be found at such times. Your Outdoor Ministries Committee is optimistic that such opportunities are out there and we are working to discern our mission at this time.

One opportunity that has presented itself is working with Alan Rogstad, the Executive Director for Camping and Retreat Ministries, of the Pacific NW Conference. A dialogue was started with Alan early this year. By the time of the Annual Conference, we hope to have brought Alan north for a tour of Birchwood Camp, Eagle River Camp, and Hope Retreat Center. The boards and committees of all three facilities will be picking Alan's brain for ideas on how to expand our ministries while living within our financial means. We hope to establish a relationship with PNW that might lead to designing programs specific to each area that will provide campers from both conferences with more locale and programming choices.

The Outdoor Ministries Committee wishes to thank the Conference for the financial support provided to our camps this past year. This annual funding has greatly relieved the financial pressures of Birchwood and Eagle River Camps as well as the Hope Retreat Center, and helps sustain the ministry and hospitality of the camps within the conference and the local communities. As always, your prayers and ideas are appreciated as we work toward the

common goal of providing Outdoor Ministry opportunities to the Alaska United Methodist Conference.

M. United Methodist Women – Julia Smith

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. As we work to fulfill the PURPOSE of UMW this year we have celebrated, educated, raised money for missions, worshiped, honored a UMW local unit's work for racial justice, elected women to carry on the work.

Celebration and education was a part of the Pacific Regional School of Christian Missions attended by all the conference officers and three study leaders. It has been many years since UMW has had certified study leaders, and we were very proud to have, Linda Baggett, Janice Michael, and Norvell Robertson lead the three studies, "I Believe in Jesus", "Israel and Palestine", and "Giving Our Hearts Away." The three studies and the youth study (led by Susan Williams) have been taught at Regional Mission Education Events. An increase in attendance occurred at the Mission Education Events which in part were attributed to the use of certified study leaders. Karolann Whetsell is the Dean of the Mission Education Events.

The Annual Meeting of UMW was held October 3 – 5, 2008 at Meier Lake Conference Center in Wasilla. Annual meeting is a combination retreat, education event, mission celebration, as well as a time to conduct the business of UMW. This year's Racial and Social Justice Award was given to East Anchorage United Methodist Women for their work for racial and social justice. We celebrated the giving of over \$25,000.00 in mission giving by the local UMW units. Our guest speaker was Josephine Deer from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference UMW. Josephine was a member of Women's Division.

UMW continues to follow the example of Christ to care for the needs of others through the ministries of the church.

N. Volunteers in Mission – Lori Staats

In Alaska United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) continues to host many teams from conferences across the US. Alaska has gained so much from these wonderful volunteers. Not only do the teams provide much needed support for our ministry sites, we also benefit from meeting new people and sharing our unique settings. These teams go home with stories to share with their communities. Alaska sends fewer teams than it receives, however teams from Alaska have traveled as far as Tonga to share in this ministry.

Last summer I had the opportunity to attend Emergency Response Training. In this training I received a basic overview of how The United Methodist Church, through UMCOR, responds in the event of disaster. The network that has been created to help disaster victims is astounding.

I have already had inquiries from teams who would like to come to Alaska in 2010. If your ministry site is in need of volunteers, please let me know. If your site is continuing to accept teams for an ongoing project I will see that the information gets updated with the national project listing.

Thank you for your continued support of UMVIM.

O. Alaska Children's Services – Kelli Williams

Greetings in the name of the One in Whom we minister together! It has been another year of tremendous growth and healing at ACS. We continue to run near full capacity, frequently needing to put students on our waiting list. With so much need, we are ever-so grateful for all the ways the Alaska Conference supports the ACS mission! Thanks to Rev. Dave Beckett, Kerry Madden and Dave Stratton for their faithful service as members of our board of directors. Thanks to all who pray for our students as members of our weekly e-mail prayer chain. Thanks to congregations and individuals who financially support our Spiritual Life ministry. Your contributions make you a part of the great cloud of witnesses at ACS.

In both fiscal year 2008 and 2009 our UMC offerings were budgeted at \$50,000.00. Actual giving for FY 2008 was 42,121.00 (about 84% of budget) and as of 1/31/09, actual giving is at 19,666.00 with a pro-rated budget of \$29,167.00, (about 58% of budget).

We extend special thanks to UMC of the New Covenant and the New Ministries Committee for their generous support in helping us to create the Sue Cole Memorial Chapel. And special thanks to East Anchorage and Anchor Park UMC for their gifts toward our new 24 foot canvas floor labyrinth that we look forward to sharing with our faith community. The Spiritual Life program relies on church support to be able to continue our work in ministry for children and families suffering from abuse, neglect, discord and emotional instability in their lives. Other generous gifts too numerous to list have greatly assisted the ACS mission.

We are excited about our new Spiritual Life liaison program, in which each of our supporting congregations are asked to choose one or two volunteers to spread the word of ACS's material needs that will be made known through e-mail. In January, a mailing was sent to the Pastor and Mission Chair of each Alaska UMC Conference congregation about this program with little response. At Annual Conference, please consider signing up for the Spiritual life Liaison program or the e-mail prayer chain at the ACS display table.

Thank you for all the ways you share your prayers, presence, gifts and service with ACS! We're so grateful for ACS's connection to the Alaska Conference of the UMC. We look forward to another fruitful year of ministry together, providing hope in troubled young lives. Blessings.

P. Willow-Anvik-Grayling Church & Community Ministry – Fran Lynch, Deaconess and Church and Community Worker

This has never been a stagnant ministry and the past year is proof of that. We have seen an increased understanding in Willow of the Outreach of the Willow UMC as community ministry. More folks who are not members of our church are volunteering in the program to assist at the Food Bank, make food donations, or to help folks get firewood or transportation to town. We have also seen an increased need for the services provided by the ministry. More folks are coming to the Food Bank and many of them are telling us that have never had to get this kind of help in the past. They instead had donated to Food Banks. We have continued to provide no interest loans to folks for emergency needs. At this point all have been paid back or are in the process of being paid back except for one loan. This has helped several families get snow tires, move to an apartment so that they have adequate housing, and purchase a car. We continue to help folks get firewood for the winter and this summer will enforce a more stringent rule of the families working with the VIM teams to cut and haul this wood.

In Anvik and Grayling children continue to come to Sunday School. I have limited my visits to the villages to only 6 a year due to the financial cost of travel and the decrease of donations in general. I am encouraged by my work with the Native Ministries Committee to strongly look at the possibility of developing a joint ministry in these villages with the Episcopal church. Children are signing up to come to camp. So it will be a busy 4 weeks with children in and out

of my house between camp sessions. Last year I started them doing service projects in Willow. They helped with the adopt a mile, cleaned the church, and stacked firewood. They also spent a lot of time swimming, canoeing, playing in the woods and tree house, and just being kids on vacation. The support of the Conference helps make this ministry happen and is appreciated.

Q. Disaster Preparedness – Steve Eldred

We have been blessed by no major disasters requiring major response efforts in Alaska during the past year, but there have been several smaller disasters that have occurred in many villages that are almost invisible to most of us. Lots of wind damage and flooding along the coasts and several waterways. Fortunately, the Alaska Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (AKVOAD) have been very active, in cooperation with the State of Alaska, FEMA, UMCOR, and other judicatories in responding to many unmet needs from these “mini-disasters.” UMCOR has funded a grant which has been combined with others to hire a 2 person staff to make sure these needs are being addressed, and passed on to potential resources. The AKVOAD staff are housed at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Anchorage. Richard Whetsell continues as the President of the Board of AKVOAD, and is very instrumental in the ongoing work of Cooperation, Communication, Collaboration, Coordination, and Education of VOAD members and member agencies, including the Alaska Conference.

It is strongly urged that each local congregation develop a Disaster Response Plan ahead of any such disaster occurring, in order to facilitate a smooth response and recovery process. Richard Whetsell and I both have several samples of Plans from other conferences; just email us, or try this one: www.HurricaneBusinessSafety.com, a good resource from Florida. Also, pastors and others may be interested in the following book as a resource: *Disaster Spiritual Care*, Edited by Rabbi Stephen B. Roberts, and Rev. Willard W.C. Ashley, Sr., available at \$40.00 from www.skylightpaths.com.

R. University Community Ministry, Anchorage – Doug Lindsay

This season of campus ministry was dominated by preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of Alaska Pacific University. However, many of the same activities continued. Non-denominational chapel services continued on a weekly basis. However, the day was changed from Tuesday evenings to Sunday evenings, so as not to conflict with weekday evening classes. The White Lotus Society continued to hold weekly services on Sunday mornings, and they continued their outstanding caretaking of the chapel. I continued to maintain a modest schedule of office hours, as time and circumstances permitted. And our annual Easter Sunrise Service, held on the second floor of the Atwood Center continued to draw out the faithful yearly participants, and some new, hearty souls.

However, a number of new events also had their positive impact on the campus community. Jessica Kaari, a senior undergraduate student, requested use of the chapel one evening a week from February through the first part of April, as part of her senior project on meditation. She facilitated a small group of students and staff in their exploration of prayer, mindfulness, and meditation. It was an excellent opportunity for me to introduce campus ministry to this motivated and informed group. I also set up and maintained a “coffee and tea break” table during finals week, which was very well received. I plan to repeat this activity during finals week of the 2009 Fall semester. In cooperation with the APU Development Office, I was also privileged to award a \$250 scholarship to a deserving student at the Spring Honors Assembly. It was a scholarship fund started by a United Methodist alumnus that had been dormant over the last few years, but had been revived by the alumnus and the Development Office.

The Baccalaureate Service, held prior to the Spring Commencement ceremony, was a success. Rosanne Pagano, Professor of Writing at APU, and member of the Spiritual Life Committee,

was the guest speaker. Her insightful and inspiring speech set the tone for the day of accomplishments, endings, and new beginnings. And, judging by the consumption of food and coffee, the reception following the Baccalaureate Service, sponsored by the Office of the Chaplain, was also a success!

The winter meeting of the Professional Ministries Unit of The Alaska United Methodist Conference provided an unusual opportunity and challenge for ministry. It was discovered that there had been no Advance Special status for Alaska Pacific University over the years, except by designation through the Conference Advance Special. This led to discussions with university trustees, the university president, and the Director of the RANA (Rural Alaska Native Adult) Program at APU, Dr. Elizabeth Sullivan. It was decided that an Advance Special Project application to the General Board of Global Ministries for the establishment of a RANA scholarship would be an excellent course of action for ongoing support of Alaska Pacific University by United Methodists both here in Alaska and across the globe. The application was accepted, and episcopal approval was given in early June. It is hoped that the General Board will grant Advance Special Project status to this scholarship fund at its Fall meetings. Pending approval, the scholarship fund will be promoted by a modest "dollar-a-day" campaign originating through the Office of the Chaplain, with the assistance of the Development Office. It will encourage interested United Methodist members and churches in Alaska to annually underwrite one credit hour of tuition (approximately \$360).

Alaska Pacific University celebrated its fiftieth anniversary June 26-28, with events for alumni and the general public. I organized and led the fiftieth anniversary worship service at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 28. Mr. Dale Sellin, the first student registered with Alaska Methodist University, was the guest speaker. Dale had a wonderfully reflective, profound, and positive message as we remembered the past and looked forward to the future. A reception was held following the service.

The numerous opportunities for ministry throughout the university community during 2009-2010 will be addressed by the following activities and goals:

1. Weekly non-denominational worship services, primarily for students.
2. CROP Walk participation by the Spiritual Life Committee in September, 2009.
3. Availability for crisis and emergency counseling throughout the academic year.
4. Expansion of "free to good home" devotional book display in front of the chapel.
5. Participation in university classes as resource person and guest lecturer, as per invitation by faculty.
6. Participation in university community events: Commencement, Baccalaureate, and Assemblies.
7. Cooperation with neighborhood congregations (St. Mary's Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church, and others) to establish and maintain contact with and support of students.

S. United Campus Ministry – David Moore

It has been a wonderful year here at United Campus Ministry. Working with Katrina Jensen, my assistant, has been a real joy and she has done a fantastic job ministering to the young ladies in our group. We are a growing group with lots of new students and lots of older students who are moving on from our ministry. Some of the highlights of the year have included: our Standard Tuesday evening worship service, our Fall Spring and Spring Break retreats, the resurgence of Thursday night Dinner and Bible study, the renewal of Girls and Guys nights, as well as events with other Campus Ministries and our long standing traditions of serving the community and caring for each other.

Since 1993 Tuesday evenings at 7:30 UCM students have gathered for Vespers. This year we had a wonderful worship band which included lots of singers, guitars, a flute, a keyboard, a

signer and a little drummer girl. In the fall I did a series on: "Unusual Things that Happened in the Bible." It was a fun series, with lots to laugh about but also great stories of faith which to learn from.

On Thursday evening we once again served dinner at our home. After dinner we either had Bible Study or went to a UAF sporting event. For Bible Study we did the Beverly Hillbillies Series, a few Nooma's and for the last part of the year we have had a incredible study of the book of Mark. The dinners have been excellent and it is a great way to hang out with students and get to know them better.

My Leadership team did a great job with Guys and Girls nights. Every other weekend they got together for fun events and to hang out. The guys read "Wild at Heart" by David Lynch, while the ladies preferred to just be together. These have been great small groups for folks to get to know each other. Leadership also worked hard on getting together with other Campus Ministries; we did several All Campus Worship, a Thanksgiving Dinner and 5 continuous days of prayer in prep for Holy Week.

On both our fall and spring retreat we worked at the Food Bank. In the fall we went to Bingle Camp and discussed three Nooma Videos. In the spring we focused on the "Lord's Prayer" and all it's applications to our lives. The Spring Break Trip was a fantastic adventure with a bunch of students and former students participating. We had a great time at "The End" of the start of the Iditarod, we really enjoyed staying at St. John UMC they are so gracious to us and we really enjoyed singing with their Praise Band. We also had a glorious day of skiing at Alyeska.

We also continued long UCM traditions of Finals Care Packages for students and sponsoring a Big Brothers/Big Sisters family at Christmas. We are extremely blessed and look forward to next year as God continues to work in our young peoples lives. Thank you so much for your support.

T. Nome Community Center – Lance Johnson

The Nome Community Center (NCC) began in 1910 as the Lavinia Wallace Young Eskimo Mission, a project of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. The Center was incorporated on November 14, 1970, as an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization under the laws of the State of Alaska.

In the spirit of its Mission to "enhance the quality of life of the people of the Bering Strait Region," NCC provides a wide range of programs, services, and activities for the youth of Nome and their parents, putting major emphasis upon prevention and early intervention. Services for youth and parents have included communications training; family support/preservation services; juvenile offender intervention; diversion activities; delinquency prevention programs; tutoring; and socialization, recreational and cultural activities for youth. During 2008-09, programs provided include Nome Youth Court; Summer Lunch Program; Adult Day Services; Nutrition, Transportation, and Support Services; Tobacco Prevention; and the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) program. The Community Center also operates the Nome Food Bank, the only food pantry in the region, and is the only agency in Nome providing a Senior Meals Program. In March 2009, the Community Center was awarded the grant for a Residential Child Care (RCC) facility beginning operations in April of that same year. This much-needed Level II Shelter will house children who have been removed from their homes due to neglect and/or abuse. All of the agency's staff members are proud to be associated with this and all of our programs.

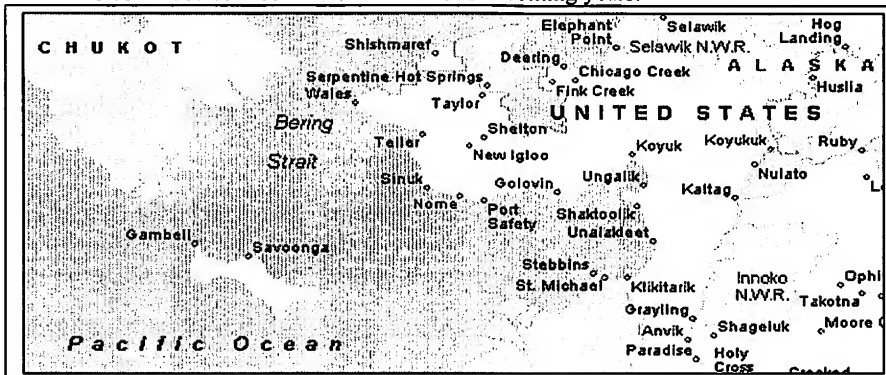
One highlight for the Conference: In the spirit of the RCC program, the Nome Community Center, through the administration of State of Alaska Office of Children's Services (OCS) Family Preservation (FP) and Time Limited Family Reunification (TLFR) grants, has provided intensive family services for those parents/guardians and their children who have economic disparities, social needs, and parenting challenges. Family Services Staff working under these two grants provide nutrition, community resource coordination, parenting skills, youth mentoring, cultural connections, and other essential skill-building activities to ensure families provide healthy and safe atmospheres in the home leading to unified or reunified households. During the course of administering these services since 1998, the Community Center staff members have provided effective services for over sixty families and have had a positive, effective relationship with the local Office of Children's Services staff members and attorneys.

Description of Geographic Region

The Bering Strait Region covers 23,013 square miles and is the ninth largest geographic area in the state. It is home to 1.5% of Alaska's population, 79.9% of which are Alaska Natives, primarily Yupik Eskimos. The Alaska Native population in this region has increased 17% since 1990 and is the fifth largest concentration in Alaska. The economic base of the region is small and consists of commercial fishing, fish processing, mining, reindeer herding, Native arts, tourism, fur trapping and a small Federal Government presence.

The City of Nome serves as the regional transportation and service hub for fifteen surrounding villages and contains approximately 3,550 people, according to 2006 U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Nome is the only city in Alaska not located on the site of a former Native Village. The community is located 539 air miles northwest of Anchorage and is only accessible by airplane or passenger ship (in the summer). The city lies 102 miles south of the Arctic Circle and 161 miles east of Russia. The area encompasses 12.5 square miles of land. The community is 58.7% Native and 8% of the total population is over the age of 60 (2000 census).

There are identifiable obstacles for some families and youth independently providing for healthy and safe home environments due to the geographic isolation of Nome. Because of transportation expenses, the cost of living is very high. Food prices in Nome are 68% higher than those in Anchorage: milk in Nome is close to \$7.00 per gallon and air fare out of the city to Anchorage is often more than \$500.00. Many family members find themselves involved with OCS because of neglect precipitated by lack of family finances. Families who have struggles and are in need of support services cannot easily interact with children removed from their homes if they have been sent out of the region; this obstacle is overcome by having an established and well-managed, consistently-available Family Services Program in Nome. The local OCS office, schools, and Behavioral Health Services are all supportive partners in Community Center active efforts, so prohibitive barriers are mostly non-existent. We look forward to continued service in this area in the forthcoming years.



U. Reports of General Boards and Agencies

General Board of Higher Education – Lonnie Brooks

At the Western Jurisdictional Conference in July 2008 I was elected to be a member for the 2009-2012 quadrennium of the UM General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM). At its organizational meeting in October 2008, I was assigned to membership on the board's Division on Ordained Ministry (DOM). The work of the agency is divided into two divisions, DOM and the Division on Higher Education.

GBHEM has the responsibility of looking out for the Church's interests in the schools around the world that are related to the UMC, and it administers a host of scholarship and student loan programs that support students at those and other schools.

All persons who serve in ordained and representative ministry in the UMC have a relationship to DOM, and it is this body's responsibility to recommend to the General Conference each year what policies and practices will apply to those ministries. All conference boards of ordained ministry are related to GBHEM through the work of DOM.

Bishop Grant Hagiya also serves on both DOM and GBHEM, and he has taken on the additional responsibility of serving on the Ministry Study Commission formed by General Conference 2008. GBHEM nominated me to serve on the new Committee on Faith and Order authorized by General Conference 2008, and I was elected to that position by the Council of Bishops. But the committee has, at the time of this writing, not yet met.

General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (GCCUIC)

– Georgina Dapcevich

GCCUIC is currently being led by the Rev., Dr. Stephen J. Sidorak, Jr., who is serving as General Secretary, having been elected in September, 2008, at the Board of Director's Organizational Meeting held at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Bishop Mary Swenson from WJ was elected as President and Young Sook Kang from WJ was elected as Vice President.

The theme of GCCUIC's organizational meeting in Sept. 08 was "Making All Things New". Much enthusiasm and energy was generated by our new General Secretary as he challenged us to create a new mission and vision for GCCUIC.

In keeping with this theme, the organization continues to go through a transition and is currently recruiting for two new associate general secretaries. In a recent memo from the General Secretary, he states, 'the GCCUIC will conduct a fresh examination of how it can best serve the general church across the connection. The GCCUIC will discern the unique "gifts and graces" it has to share within the ecumenical movement and the major conciliar organizations in which The United Methodist Church holds membership. The GCCUIC will look anew at the interreligious relationships it already enjoys and contemplate how we might be more widely related interreligiously. He states that the GCCUIC will explore ways to be exemplary of the "catholic spirit" that John Wesley called us to live out, and how critical and practical it is in our ecumenical and inter-religious work.' He goes on to say that an experimental process has begun in earnest at the GCCUIC and the renewal of this agency is now underway.

I look forward to serving on this agency for the next 4 years and seeking opportunities to promote and share the mission and vision of GCCUIC at the local church level, as well as generate enthusiasm and generate input from the local church.

United Methodist Women – Jo Anne Hayden, Women’s Division Director

As a new Women’s Division Director representing the United Methodist Women of the Alaska Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Western Jurisdiction, I am finding myself in a period of great learning as I’ve participated in an organizational meeting as well as an Annual and Semi-Annual meeting all in less than a year.

My additional assignments include being a member of the National Ministries committee as well as a member of the Membership and Organizational Development committee and a member and secretary of the Membership subcommittee. I will also be helping with officer training at Regional Schools of Mission.

A “Membership Counts” initiative will become a focus during this quadrennium and preparations are underway now for Assembly which will be held in May 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri.

The United Methodist Women sustained their level of giving to Mission from 2007 to 2008 however with the reality of the current economic challenges we now face, this year’s budget has been revised by a 10% reduction. While needs escalate around us, the Division’s goal is to maintain contributions to both national and international missions to help address those needs even with our economic challenges.

The Division’s current planning process and safeguarding of its financial resources are essential steps to assure our continued ability to act as agents of God’s transforming love.

VI. MEMORIAL ROLL

Local Church Members and Constituents

Anchor Park	Hale Niusini Osiaias Saafi Marvin Mangus
Christ First – Wasilla	Virginia Luther Ronald DeGarmo
Chugiak	Elaine Moore Jason Tate Kendall Taylor
Douglas	Sigurd Olson
East Anchorage	Alba Pratt
First Samoan UMC	Cornelius Levao

First – Anchorage	James Fletcher Tom Haggart Richard Loesch
First – Fairbanks	James Redmond
First – Ketchikan	Barbara Perry
Homer	Al Clayton, Sr.
Jewel Lake Parish	Ann S. Pittinger Ann Blackmore Jerry D. Fuller
North Pole – New Hope M/P	Ruth Knoll John Abrams Mark MacKeen Virginia Howell
Northern Light United – Juneau	Barbara Darnell Frances Marvin Annabell Revels Stella Soboleff Gene Waid
Soldotna	Merle Rorrison Roy Shapley
St. John	Margaret Erickson Carol Kajikawa George Cada Janet Hines Richard “Tom” Allison Wilbur Neill
Willow	June Newman Russell “Jack” Folta
Also in memory:	Dale Fleming Rev. Don Hartman Chuck Frost, Sr.

VII. CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF SESSIONS

[See 1966 JOURNAL, p. 83, for 1-25 Sessions of Alaska Mission]

[See 1971 JOURNAL, p. 110, for 26-30 Sessions of Alaska Mission]

[See 1980 JOURNAL, p. 117, for 1-9 Sessions of the Alaska Missionary Conference]

[See 1985 JOURNAL, p. 102, for 10-14 Sessions of the Alaska Missionary Conference]

[See 2003 JOURNAL, p. 60, for 15-30 Sessions of the Alaska Missionary Conference]

Presiding

No.	Year	Place	Bishop	Superintendent	Secretary
31	2002	First, Anchorage	Paup	Holway, Lieder Simeon,	Wingfield

32	2003	UMC of Chugiak	Paup	Baker Holway, Lieder Simeon, Baker	Wingfield
33	2004	UMC of Chugiak	Paup	Holway, Lieder Simeon, Baker	Wingfield
34	2005	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Wingfield
35	2006	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Wingfield
36	2007	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Wingfield
37	2008	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Lindsay-Hudgins
38	2009	St. John UMC	Hagiya	Holway	Lindsay-Hudgins

VIII. CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MINISTERS

[See 1966 JOURNAL for 1886-1966 Records]
 [See 1971 JOURNAL for 1962-1970 Records]
 [See 1980 JOURNAL for 1971-1980 Records]
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Name	First Year of Appointment	Appointment
Allen T. Baggett	2005	Sitka
Linda Baggett	2005	Sitka
Dale Kelley	2005	Unalaska
Woo Shoung Park	2005	Anchorage Korean
Imelda Ramos	2005	Douglas Community
Thomas Telfer	2005	First, Fairbanks
Karen Martin Tichenor	2005	Christ First, Wasilla/Palmer
Richard Whetsell	2005	Soldotna
Bonnie Campbell	2006	East Anchorage
John Campbell	2006	East Anchorage
Susan Knight	2006	Community, Nome
Jo Ann Schaad	2006	St. John
Richard Smith (I)	2006	Seward Memorial/Moose Pass
Jon Disburg	2007	Anchor Park, East Anchorage
Leila Disburg	2007	Anchor Park, East Anchorage
Peter Perry	2007	Seward, Moose Pass
Donald Strait (I)	2007	Homer
Milo Thornberry	2007	Chugiak
Della Waghiyi	2007	AMC Elder in Residence
Daniel Wilcox	2007	Unalaska
David Elmore	2008	Community, Nome
Julie Yoder Elmore	2008	Community, Nome
Evelyn Erbele	2008	Ketchikan
Terence Erbele	2008	Ketchikan
Robert Hicks	2008	Christ First, Wasilla/Palmer
Tori Hicks	2008	Christ First, Wasilla/Palmer
Charles Martindell	2008	Homer

Carlo Raputnut	2008	Chugiak
Judy Shook	2008	Aldersgate, Juneau
Martha Slater	2008	New Covenant, Kenai
Karen Martin Tichenor	2008	North Pole
David Beckett	2009	Superintendent
Leila Disburg	2009	Director of Connectional Ministries
John Dodson (I)	2009	St. John
Dale Kelley (I)	2009	Turnagain
Luther Oconer (I)	2009	Sitka
Kim Poole (I)	2009	Northern Light, Juneau

IX. ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES

A. Record of Ordained Ministers

*** Retired Elder

sa Special appointment from an Annual Conference to an institution in the Annual Conference

BECKETT, DAVID.....West Ohio
West Ohio: D 1981; E 1984. EDUCATION: Georgia State University, 1975; United Theological Seminary, 1982; Graduate Theological Foundation, D.Min, 1999. APPOINTMENTS: Allentown and Hume, 1982; Allentown, 1985; Trinity (Associate), 1987; Alaska Missionary Conference: Soldotna, 1991; St. John, 1999; Conference Superintendent, 2009.

SPOUSE: Kim, CHILDREN: Jennifer, Ryan, Lauren, and Jeremy.

DODSON, JOHNCalifornia-Nevada
APPOINTMENTS: to attend school, 1956; Orinda-Moraga UMC, Orinda, CA, 1959; ordained Elder, 1962. Campus Christian Association, Reno, Nevada, 1965; 1978 Los Altos UMC, Los Altos, CA, 1978; Retired, 1999. 1999, United Methodist Foundation, N. Sacramento, CA, 1999; St John UMC, Anchorage, AK, 2009.

DISBURG, JON.....Iowa
Iowa: D 1986; E 1990. EDUCATION: Iowa State University, 1977; Boston University School of Theology, 1987. APPOINTMENTS: To School, 1986; Southern New England Conference: Wareham, Wesley, 1987; Iowa Annual Conference: Grimes, 1988; Bloomfield, 1991; Bloomfield-West Grove-Drakesville Team Ministry, 1993; Des Moines, First, Associate, 1997; West Des Moines, Valley, 1998; West Des Moines, Valley, Co-Pastor, 2000; Leave of Absence, 1 July 2006-28 February 2007; Newton, St. Luke, Interim Pastor, 1 March 2007-30 June 2007; Alaska Missionary Conference: Anchor Park & East Anchorage, 2007. SPOUSE: Leila; CHILDREN: Meghan and Ashley.

DISBURG, LEILA.....Iowa
Iowa: D 1992; E 1996. EDUCATION: Iowa State University 1978; Saint Paul School of Theology 1993. APPOINTMENTS: Bloomfield Associate 1991; Bloomfield-West Grove-Drakesville Team Ministry 1993; Granger 1997; West Des Moines, Valley Co-pastor 2000; Voluntary Leave of Absence 2006; Alaska Missionary Conference; Anchor Park & East Anchorage 2007; Director of Connectional Ministries, 2009. SPOUSE: Jon. CHILDREN: Meghan and Ashley.

DOEPKEN, JAMES MCINTYRENorth Indiana

North Indiana: Preparatory Member/Deacon 1993; Elder 1996; EDUCATION: Wabash College, BA, 1991; Duke University, The Divinity School, M Div, 1994; APPOINTMENTS: North Indiana: School, 1993; Frankfort, Trinity, 1994; Alaska Missionary Conference: Kenai, New Covenant, 1997; Girdwood, Girdwood Chapel, 2000.
SPOUSE: Julie. CHILDREN: Samuel, Moriah, Susannah, Abigail, and Bethany.

ELDRED, STEPHEN D. Nebraska
Nebraska, E. EDUCATION: U. of Nebraska, BA, 1966; Officer Candidate School, US Coast Guard, 1967; United Seminary, M. Div., 1976. APPOINTMENTS: Nebraska, Big Springs, 1977; Omaha Pearl-Asbury, 1980; Omaha Renaitre, 1981; Pearl Memorial, 1983; Pearl Memorial-Asbury, 1985; Plattsmouth, 1994; Alaska Missionary Conference, Willow, 2001.
SPOUSE: Barbarjean. CHILDREN: Mark, Laura

ELMORE, DAVID G. Pacific Northwest
KANSAS EAST: SLP 2005. EDUCATION: Texas A&M University, 1991; Saint Paul School of Theology, 2008. APPOINTMENTS: Pleasanton & Prescott, 2005; Alaska Conference, Nome Community, 2008.
SPOUSE: Julia

ELMORE, JULIA YODER Pacific Northwest
EDUCATION: Western Michigan University, 2000; Saint Paul School of Theology, 2008. APPOINTMENTS: US-2 in Nome Alaska, 2001; Missouri Conference: Youth Director, Grandview 2006; Alaska Conference, Nome Community, 2008.
SPOUSE: David

ERBELE, EVELYN GRACE..... Oregon-Idaho
Oregon-Idaho: PMD 2003; D 2005, E 2007. EDUCATION: Vermont College, 1973; Evangel College 1975; College of Idaho 1987; Wesley Seminary, M.Div. 2005. APPOINTMENTS: Nigeria 1989; Eurasia 1996-2006; Lithuania 1999-2007; Latvia 2000-2007; GBGM 2007; Alaska Conference: First Ketchikan, 2008.
SPOUSE: Terence. CHILDREN: Andrew and Anna.

ERBELE, W. TERENCE..... Oregon-Idaho
Oregon-Idaho: D 1980; E 1982. EDUCATION: Portland State University, 1975; Asbury Theological Seminary, M.Div. 1980. APPOINTMENTS: Newberg 1980; Kuna 1982; Hermiston 1987; Nigeria 1989; Eurasia 1996-2006; Lithuania 1999-2007; Latvia 2000-2007; GBGM 2007; Alaska Conference: First Ketchikan, 2008.
SPOUSE: Evelyn. CHILDREN: Andrew and Anna.

HICKS, ROBERT C..... Pacific Northwest
Pacific Northwest: D 1988; E 1990. EDUCATION: Seattle Pacific University, 1980; Fuller, 1984. APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conference: Rochester-Oakville, 1988; Disability, 2/1/91; Spokane: Centenary, 1993; Sandpoint ID, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, 1998; Family Leave, 12/1/99; Sandpoint ID, Associate PT, 9/1/00; Sandpoint ID, Interim, 2001; Family Leave, 2002; The Common Ministry, WSU, Pullman WA, Campus Pastor, 2003; The Wesley Foundation, WSU, Pullman WA, Campus Minister & Director of The Wesley Foundation, 2006; Alaska Conference: Palmer Fellowship, 2008.
SPOUSE: Tori. CHILDREN: Cyrus, Adam, Isaac, Sierra, and Kelsey.

HICKS, TORI..... Pacific Northwest
Pacific Northwest: D 1997; E 1999. EDUCATION: University of Maryland, Asian Division, 1987; Iliff School of Theology, 1997. APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conference:

Sandpoint ID, 1997; Sandpoint ID, Associate PT, 2001; Sandpoint ID, 2002; Colfax, 2004; Alaska Conference: Christ First, Wasilla, 2008.

SPOUSE: Robert. CHILDREN: Cyrus, Adam, Isaac, Sierra, and Kelsey.

KELLEY, DALE R.Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
EDUCATION: University of Delaware, 1965; Northwest Theological Union, M.Div., 1989; Ordained, 1989. APPOINTMENTS: Seattle, University Christian Church, 1989; Anchorage, First Christian Church, (Interim), 1994; Alaska Missionary Conference: Jewel Lake Parish (Interim), 1995; AMC Mission Associate, 1997; Soldotna UMC, Soldotna, 1999; Unalaska UMC, Unalaska, 2005; Turnagain, Anchorage, (Interim), 2009.

LINDSAY-HUDGINS, DEBRA..... Pacific Northwest
Delaware-Peninsula: D 1983; E 1986. EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1980; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1983; CPE, Delaware State Hospital, 1984. APPOINTMENTS: Delaware State Hospital, Assistant Chaplain, 1983; Peninsula-McCabe, 1984; Ellendale, 1988; Georgetown, 1991; St. Mark's, 1998; Alaska Missionary Conference, First, Anchorage, 2000. SPOUSE: Douglas Lindsay.

MARTIN TICHENOR, KARENPacific Northwest
D 1984; E 1987. EDUCATION: University of Washington, 1982; Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1985. APPOINTMENTS: Trinity 1985; School 1989; Langley (Associate), 1989; St. Paul, 1990; Puget Counseling Center (Pastoral Therapist), 1991; Paul, 1995; Moran, 1996; Manito, 2001; Alaska Missionary Conference, Christ First, 2005; North Pole: New Hope Methodist Presbyterian, 2008. SPOUSE: Dennis. CHILD: Danielle.

MARTINDELL, CHARLES A.West Ohio
West Ohio: D 1984; E 1987. EDUCATION: Trenton (N.J.) State College, 1980; Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 1984. APPOINTMENTS: West Ohio Conference: Mendon Charge, 1980; Tunnel-Warren Chapel, 1986; Lima Trinity (Associate), 1991; Marion Prospect Street, 1994; Marietta Christ, 2001; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Homer, 2008. SPOUSE: Karen. CHILDREN: Sarah and Jonathan.

OCONER, LUTHER JEREMIAH GALVEZ.....Pampanga Philippines
Pampanga Philippines: Probationary 2001; Elder 2004; EDUCATION: Mapúa Tech, 1993; Wesley Divinity, M.Div., 2001; Drew University, M.Phil., 2006, Ph.D., 2009; APPOINTMENTS: West Middle Philippines: Pio, Porac, 1997; Camias, San Simon, 1998; Pampanga Philippines: School, 2001; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Sitka, 2009. SPOUSE: Marion. CHILD: Ilana.

PARK, WOO SHOUNGCalifornia-Pacific
(P.97; F.) EDUCATION: Mokwon University, Daejeon, Korea; Mokwon Theological Seminary, Daejeon, Korea. APPOINTMENTS: Korean Mission Conference, Cal-Pac, 1997, Walnut Korean Mission; 1997 (Nov 9) West Covina: Korean; 1999 (Mar) Monrovia: Korean; 2004 South Pasadena: Pacific Korean. 2005, Alaska Missionary: Anchorage Korean. SPOUSE: Sarah. CHILDREN: Julie and Daniel.

PERRY, PETER K.Desert Southwest
D 1984: Pacific Southwest; E 1987 Desert Southwest. EDUCATION: California State Univ Fullerton, 1982; Pacific School of Religion, 1985. APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Southwest 1984, to school; Desert Southwest 1985 Mesa, AZ: Velda Rose UMC (associate); 1988, Sedona, AZ: UMC of Sedona; 1994 Prescott, AZ: Prescott UMC; 2001, Phoenix, AZ: FUMC; Alaska Missionary Conference, Seward/Moose Pass UMCs, 2007.

SPOUSE: Karen. CHILDREN: David and Elizabeth

POOLE, MARSHA KIMBERLEY.....Northwest Texas
Northwest Texas: Probationary Member/Deacon 1979; Elder 1981; EDUCATION: Baylor University, BS ED, 1976; Texas Christian University, Brite Divinity School, M Div 1980; APPOINTMENTS: NWTX: School, 1979; Fritch, First UMC 1980-1983; Amarillo, Wesley 1983-1984; Canyon, West Texas State University Wesley Foundation, 1984-1986; School: SW Oklahoma State, 1986-1990; Leave of Absence 1990-1992; Amarillo, Polk Street, Associate, 1992-1993; Alaska Missionary Conference: Douglas, Douglas Community, 1993-2000; Retired 2000; Juneau, Interim, Northern Light United, 2009.

RAMOS, IMELDA.....East Mindanao, Philippine Annual Conference,
Davao Episcopal Area, Philippines
D 1991; E1995. EDUCATION: University of Mindanao, 1988; Union Theological Seminary, M.Div., 1991; University of San Carlos, 1996; Candidate, MA Psychology; Human Resource Management Course, Christian Institute of Management 1998. APPOINTMENTS: Green Academy Methodist Church, 1991; Visayas State College of Agriculture Methodist Community Church, 1994; Calvary Bible School, 1997; Evangelical Theological College of the Philippines, 1999; Kapatiran-Kaunlaran Foundation, Inc. (formerly Methodist Social Center), 2005; Alaska Missionary Conference: Douglas Community UMC, 2005.
SPOUSE: Bob.

RAPANUT, CARLO AXIBAL.....Northwest Philippines
Northwest Philippines: PE 2002; E 2006. EDUCATION: B.S. Mathematics, University of the Philippines, 1994; Master of Management major in Business Management, University of the Philippines, 2000; Master of Divinity, magna cum laude, Wesley Divinity School, 2003. APPOINTMENTS: Philex Mines, 1998; Baguio City First, 2000; Assistant to the Bishop, Baguio Episcopal Area, 2006; Alaska United Methodist Conference, Chugiak, 2008. SPOUSE: Zoraida Sanchez Rapanut. CHILD: Caleb.

SCHAADT, JO ANNPacific Northwest
West Ohio: D 1998; Pacific Northwest: D 2000. Education: Bowling Green State University, 1987; Kent State University 1989; United Theological Seminary, 1998. APPOINTMENTS: West Ohio: Xenia Faith Community 1995; Chattanooga, 1996; Pacific Northwest - Seattle: Green Lake, 1998; Mercer Island, 2003; Alaska Missionary Conference: St. John, 2006.
CHILD: Sara.

SHOCK, LAUREN KAY
.....Oklahoma
Oklahoma, DM, 1990; D, 1994; E, 1999. EDUCATION: Southern Nazarene University, BA, 1984; Oklahoma City University, MAR, 1989; Phillips Theological Seminary, M Div, 1996. APPOINTMENTS: Oklahoma, DM, FUMC, Duncan, 1990; Grace, Tulsa, 1994. As clergy, Wellston, 1996; McAlester-Savanna Charge, 1998. Alaska Missionary Conference: Jewel Lake Parish, 2001.
SPOUSE: James. CHILDREN: Joel Thomas Carpenter

SHOOK, JUDY.....California-Nevada
Southwest Texas: D 1987; E 1991. EDUCATION: Oklahoma State University, 1984; Perkins School of Theology 1989; CPE, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, TX, 1988; Institute of Culture and Creation Spirituality, 1994; Interim Ministry Network, 2007. APPOINTMENTS: SWTX: FUMC, Associate, Del Rio, TX, 1987; FUMC, Associate, New Braunfels, TX, 1989-91; Pettus-Pawnee, TX, 1991-94; California-Nevada: Point Arena, CA, 1995-99; Aptos, CA, 1999-

December, 2000, Sonoma, CA, December 2000 - 2002; Extension Ministry, Spiritual Companionship, Captain Cook, HI, 2002 - 2008; Alaska Conference, Juneau, Aldersgate, 2008.

SKIBA, LAURA PULEO.....Western Pennsylvania
 Western Pennsylvania: Certified, 1993; Probationary member, 1998; Commissioned, 1998; Full Member, 2001; Elder, 2001. EDUCATION: B.A. Asbury College, 1991; M.Div. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1998. APPOINTMENTS: Strattanville/Asbury/Corsica 1998-2004. Alaska Missionary Conference: North Star, 2004.
 SPOUSE: Kevin. CHILDREN: Justin, Maggie, Tyler, Sawyer, Kathryn & Nicholas

SLATER, MARTHA (MARTI).....Western North Carolina Conference
 D 1992; E 1995. EDUCATION: Tift College, 1980; The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1988. CPE: Humana Hospital University (Now University of Louisville Hospital), 1985 (1 unit); Carolinas Medical Center, 1988-1989 (3 units). APPOINTMENTS: Western North Carolina Conference: Centennial-Mt. Hebron-Pisgah Charge, Forest City, NC 1991; Barnardsville Charge, 1994; South Macon Cooperative Parish, 1995; Chaplain, Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community, 1997; Chaplain, Presbyterian Homecare-Hospice, 2002, Pastor, Lawndale-Double Shoals UM Charge, 2004; Alaska Conference, UM Church of the New Covenant, Kenai, 2008.

TELFER, THOMAS.....Pacific Northwest
 PNW: D 1986; E 1988. EDUCATION: Seattle Pacific University, 1981; Claremont School of Theology, 1986. APPOINTMENTS: Reardan, WA, 1985; Spokane (Valley, Associate), 11/1/1987; Orchards, 4/1/1991; Alaska Missionary Conference: Anchor Park, 1995; Oregon-Idaho: Madras, 1999; Alaska Missionary Conference: Fairbanks First, 2005.
 SPOUSE: Jan, CHILDREN: Luke, Rebekah, and Zachary

WHETSELL, RICHARD.....Oklahoma
 Oklahoma: D 1988; E 1992 EDUCATION: Oklahoma State University, 1969; Phillips Theological Seminary, 1990. APPOINTMENTS: Oklahoma: Ringwood and Ames, 1985; First UMC Enid, Associate 1990; Hillcrest (OKC), 1993; St. Matthew (Midwest City), 1998; Alaska Missionary Conference: Soldotna, 2005.
 SPOUSE: Karolann, CHILDREN: Don and Nancy

WILCOX, DANIEL.....Central PA
 Central PA: Commissioned Probationer 2000, E 2003. EDUCATION: Eastern College, St. Davids, PA, 1997; Asbury Theological Seminary, 2000. APPOINTMENTS: Emmanuel, Windsor, 2000; Alaska Missionary Conference: Unalaska, 2007.
 SPOUSE: Kris-Ann; CHILDREN: Esther, Jaden and Lydia.

B. Record of Ordained Ministers under Special Appointment

WAGHIYI, DELLAAlaska
 Missionary
 Alaska: E 2007. APPOINTMENTS: Elder in Residence, Alaska, 2007.

C. Record of Local Pastors

MAGA, SAILITAI

Local Pastor, 2000. EDUCATION: Leeward Community College, AA; Claremont School of Theology, Course of Study, 2000. APPOINTMENTS: Alaska Missionary Conference: Samoan Fellowship, 1994; First Samoan UMC of Anchorage, 2004. SPOUSE: Finau.

WASSER, JULIE ANN

Local Pastor, 1985. EDUCATION: Hillsboro College, AA; Candler School of Theology, Course of Study, 1990. APPOINTMENTS: Missouri: Greenville/Paterson, 1985. Alabama/West Florida: Repton, 1987; St. Stephens, 1989. Alaska Missionary Conference: Trapper Creek, 1999; St. Peter the Fisherman, 2003. SPOUSE: Robert
CHILDREN: Keith Sheffer, Ronald Sheffer, and Peter Sheffer

D. Record of Diaconal Ministers

MCLEAN, JIMETTE ROSE

Certified Director of Christian Education, 1969; Diaconal Minister, 1987; EDUCATION: McMurry College, B.A., 1966; Duke Divinity School, M.R.E., 1968; EMPLOYMENT: Hammond, Indiana, Woodmar United Methodist, 1968; Ann Arbor, Michigan, First United Methodist, 1974; Alaska Missionary Conference: Anchorage, St. John, 1987.

E. Clergy Photos



David Beckett



Jon Disburg



Leila Disburg



John Dodson



Jim Doerken



Steve Eldred



David Elmore



Julie Yoder Elmore



Evelyn Erbele



Teri Erbele



Robert Hicks



Dennis Holwav



Deb Lindsay-Hudgins



Dale Kelley



Charles Martindell



Luther Oconer



Woo Shoung Park



Imelda Ramos



Carlo Rananit



Kay Shock



Judy Shook



Laura Skiha



Marti Slater



Tom Telfer



Karen Martin Tichenor



Julie Wasser



Dan Wilcox

X. CHURCH SUMMARIES OF THE CHURCHES OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE

Aldersgate, Juneau

Our Children's education area received training and transformed our Sunday School into "Godly Play" program. This Montessori type approach invites children to wonder about Bible stories and what God might be saying to them. It honors the child's natural sense of the sacred and seeks to provide a richly structured environment in which the religious potential of a child may freely develop. In the fall, we had Kid's Night Out, a monthly program with engaging active lessons and a meal. Some of our Breakfast Club kids, Glacier Valley elementary low-income students, were in attendance. We continued their transportation to the breakfast program. We did Christmas caroling at their houses and our home-bound member, Gay Zaruba's.

A new Worship Team assisted in making worship memorable and meaningful with ideas from Dr. Marica McFee's Worship Design Studio Podcasts. A photo of the flower cross we created as a part of worship for Easter made the "church of the week" on the GBGM's website. Our brokenness of Lent was transformed into a beautiful mosaic cross by Easter morning.

In our "interim" year, we celebrated our history and have been discerning where God is calling us now. We've studied *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, *Three Simple Rules*, and *What Does a Progressive Christian Believe* in our Adult Study Classes. These developed into a Thursday Night Live program with a meal. Interplay classes offered an active and creative set of practical tools and ideas to help individuals and communities thrive.

First – Anchorage

During 2008, First UMC continued to provide two excellent worship services each Sunday, and a variety of programs geared to children, youth, and adults. Programs for children and youth

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Methodist Conference"

included: weekly Sunday School for all ages; Wee Kids' and Kids' Celebrations, extended learning programs for children ages 3 through 10, held during the 11:00 a.m. worship service; scholarships to Birchwood Camp for families with financial needs; children's Craft Day; weekly Music Time as part of children's Sunday School; Youth Fellowship, which provided educational, recreational, and service-oriented opportunities for young people in grades 7 through 12, and a monthly "breakfast out" for the Junior and Senior High Sunday School Classes.

Programs for adults included: an Adult Sunday School class taught by Dr. David Otto; "Meet and Eat" groups, which gathered a variety of family groupings together for food and recreation; Wednesday's Word, a weekly Bible study and worship service, provided an alternative mid-week worship experience during the summer months; the Peanut Farmers men's fellowship; the Book Club; and United Methodist Women, who offer a wide variety of fellowship experiences through their circles, General Meetings, and fund raisers.

Opportunities for outreach included: preparing and delivering one complete meal each month to the Clare House shelter for women and children; preparing and delivering 30 dozen sandwiches to the Brother Francis Shelter each month; providing occasional food and support to the Henry House transitional housing facility for men; and tackling a Christmas Angel Tree Project which resulted in the distribution of gifts to the 107 children from infancy through age 18 who were, at that time, residents at the Safe Harbor Inns of Anchorage

In 2008, we welcomed Jennifer Miller as our Director of Programming and Children's Ministries; paid our Apportionments in full; and had a riotous time at our All-Church Conference entitled "Deal or No Deal." All in all, it was a good year.

Girdwood Chapel UMC

Instead of listing all of the things that Girdwood Chapel has done over the last conference year, we begin by mentioning something that it did not do. Girdwood Chapel did not help out an unemployed chemotherapy patient by providing housing for her while undergoing treatment. We did not because the individual did not lose her job and was able keep her residence.

This is important because Girdwood Chapel has spent much of the year trying to find ways to serve those in need. A mission team of youth went to Alabama. We continued as a pick-up location for organic vegetables and a site for a community garden. We entered 2009 with a theme of "Hope for the Hungry" and spent all of Lent looking at poverty-related issues, culminating in a community service day on Palm Sunday. Even on Easter Sunday, we raised \$1300 to help persons who are struggling to pay their bills. And we've recently agreed to help Hospice as a gentleman in our community chooses to live at home as long as he can. We'll have persons at his bedside to read and play games and watch movies as he tries to die with dignity.

So, what makes not providing a home to a person undergoing chemotherapy treatment so noteworthy? It is because, when approached with this need in the community, a need that was going to require a significant financial contribution from this small congregation, Girdwood Chapel determined that "This is what churches do." It immediately began looking for funding options and speaking with a local realtor about available property. It was ready to serve. Fortunately, for everyone, the woman did not lose her job as she had expected and was able to continue living where she had.

Girdwood Chapel has taken on a theme of "Love God. Love others. Change the world." Perhaps, by being radical...extravagant...prodigal in its love, this congregation can bring positive, holy changes to the lives of the persons in Girdwood and around the world. Even by

not helping that one person, there are some in our community who were amazed that we were ready to do so out of our love for God and others.

Jewel Lake Parish, Anchorage

Jewel Lake Parish is "a small church with a big heart." Mission continues to be our major focus, as we provide a food pantry for the community and a benevolent fund for crisis situations. We provide dinner for Clare House weekly, and our children and youth bag rice, beans and pasta for Mother Lawrence Ministry. This year we provided dental kits for missions, we hosted VIM teams, held a neighborhood VBS, and sent a team from our congregation to do VBS with the Gambell Presbyterian Church.

We rejoice in being one of the Union Churches in our conference, sharing ministry with the Presbytery of Yukon. We support both United Methodist and Presbyterian denominational funds and special mission projects. Our pastor serves on committees in both our conference and the Presbytery.

Our theme for 2009 has been "Prayer" as we pray together "Loving God, show us your will." We are looking for God to speak to us regarding our future and the mission and vision God has for this congregation, as we endeavor to be "A Welcoming Family of God, Reaching Out to Celebrate, Love and Serve as we Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."

The United Methodist Church of the New Covenant - Kenai

We've had a busy year since last Annual Conference. In July we welcomed our new Pastor, Marti Slater, from the Western North Carolina Conference. Her first activity with our church was to help passing out bottles of cold water with the name of our church to people lining the Kenai streets for the annual 4th of July Parade. Summer saw a lot of activity as we added a new arctic entry to the side of the building. This project included the addition of a handicap ramp and new flooring to our fellowship area. We also had a very successful campaign for Nothing But Nets and hosted a Parcel Post Party which raised a handsome sum for Alaska Children Services. Our food pantry continues to be an important outreach for our church serving over one hundred people a month. UMCNC has been excited to welcome five adult members and one beautiful baby since Easter. We are a very hospitable church and plan to welcome the many vacationers in our area this summer with a banner that says "Travelers and Fishers Welcome" with the times of our services.

First - Ketchikan

Ketchikan First United Methodist Church welcomed their new pastors, Evelyn and Terence Erbele, who floated into town on the ferry on Sunday, July 6, 2008. After a hearty potluck brunch we gathered for worship and celebrated Holy Communion. That week fourteen youth and five adults traveled to the Eagle River Camp for a delightful week of camp.

The city's largest event, the annual Blueberry Festival is held each year in the UMC parking lot and in the building. Though many people may not know the location of the church, which has been on the corner of Grant and Main for 103 years, they know us as the "Blueberry Church."

Along with performing regularly during worship our bell choir has played at the gathering of the churches sponsored by the Ketchikan Ministerial Association and at the community talent night called The Grind.

We have been using the Godly Play Sunday school program for children. The adults have been studying "What's So Amazing About Grace" and "The Scandalous Message of James."

We house the food cupboard for Love, INC, regularly serve at the soup kitchens at the Salvation Army and the weekend Lord's Table. At Christmas time we delivered care packages to the homeless at the shelter.

During Advent and Lent we organized and hosted Soup, Bread and Bible Studies. Each Monday we offered the meal and study at noon and at 6:00 pm. The leadership of the studies was provided by the Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopalian and United Methodist pastors.

In January 2009 we instituted a new mission project called, "*Pigs on a Mission*". Every person in the church was given a piggy bank. Each pig was to be dressed and fed coins and paper money. On March 22 we brought our pigs to church for a commissioning service. \$891.00 was the total contribution for One Great Hour of Sharing. The "*Pigs on a Mission*" were sent home with their owners to collect funds for our next mission project.

Moose Pass United Methodist Church

Moose Pass UMC is a very small congregation in the community of Moose Pass, 30 miles north of Seward. Our shared ministry with Seward is of benefit to both communities as together we extend the good news of Jesus Christ into a largely unchurched corner of the Kenai Peninsula. Our ministry over the past year has included several highlights. Last summer we hosted a Vacation Bible School team from Idabel, Oklahoma and had 25 children from the Moose Pass community in attendance! Throughout the year, once a month the congregation gathers for a special evening of cinema as we watch and discuss a family-oriented film. Our Moose Pass Youth group also meets monthly and regularly attracts a dozen older elementary through high school aged youth for games, Bible study and a meal. This year we held a joint worship service with the only other church in town on Solstice Sunday and plan to do the same next year as well. The church is opened once a week to the local piano teacher who uses our piano to share the gift of music with our community. We participate fully in local mission efforts. But the heart and soul of the Moose Pass congregation is our experience of worship as we gather as a family of faith to praise God and grow in God's grace through prayer and attention to the Word of God.

Community United Methodist Church – Nome

It's been an exciting year at Community UMC – Nome. After a year of enjoying the gifts and graces of 12 interim pastors, Community UMC was happy to receive their new pastors – Julie and David Elmore. Since then, we've hosted one Volunteer in Mission team, and are preparing for 3 more teams this summer as well as a seminary immersion group. We've instituted Tuesday School, which we bill as "Sunday School and Vacation Bible School all rolled into one." Having our children's Christian education option on Tuesday evening provides more children from the community with the opportunity to attend. We also had a church-wide study of the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" to help us to discern the future of our congregation. We've had the joy of 2 baptisms. And we recently opened our time capsule on heritage Sunday finding such items as a 1960 Book of Discipline, copies of "World Outlook" magazine, "The Upper Room" and a copy of the Nome Nugget with an article on the construction of our current building. We look forward to another exciting year of ministry to all God's Children here in Nome.

North Star UMC - Nikiski

May of 2009 culminated with a great 40th Anniversary celebration where we were able to celebrate with Rev. Jim Fellers and his wife, Faye, as well as Rev. Carl Landerholm and his wife, Karen, and four of their family members. They are former pastors of North Star United Methodist Church and we had a great time with a catered dinner Saturday night and worship with a picnic following on Sunday. Three groups of Disciple Bible Study graduates were honored this year as Disciple 1, 3, & 4 all came to an end in May. We continue to enjoy our

primarily youth praise band leading in worship. Our youth are awesome! They are anticipating providing leadership in our VBS coming up this August. It is a true joy to serve the people in Nikiski through North Star United Methodist Church.

Seward Memorial United Methodist Church

The Seward Memorial United Methodist Church has been undergoing a significant amount of growth and change in recent years and there is a great spirit of excitement in the congregation as we welcome new folks in our midst. We continue to participate in an ecumenical Sunday school program, bringing together the children of the Methodist, Lutheran, and Episcopalian traditions for our Sunday morning Christian Education experience before all returning to our respective churches for worship. Youth ministry consists of our youth-oriented praise band and a periodic youth program called 2sdays where younger youth meet for fellowship and faith building programs. The Sunday morning Pastor's Bible Study on Sunday mornings and the monthly God in the Movies discussion group rounds out our education program. This year's annual Fall Progressive dinner was so successful that we decided to add a second progressive dinner in the Spring! Our congregation delivers cookies every month to community groups that we think are too-often under-appreciated... this year about 30 groups have received cookies from their friends at the United Methodist church as a way of saying thanks for their service to the community. SMUMC is the primary sponsor of the annual CROP walk held each spring in Seward, and in 2008 we launched a new ministry of outreach and presence to the students of AVTEC. This ecumenical ministry has helped provide a faith community for kids who are far from home as they complete the one year programs of study at the local vocational school. We've also sponsored regular community hymn sings, and given leadership to ecumenical choirs for community holiday services. Seeds of Faith preschool, a ministry of the congregation, provided quality preschool education to 25 children in two sessions. Five families received significant scholarship assistance to attend the program. A pastor's emergency assistance fund was established this year and was well-used in meeting pressing needs in the community. Pastor Perry's travel Outside has promoted both our local and our conference mission ministries and the blessings of Outside support made it possible for us to share year end gifts with other congregations in the AUMC for which we give God thanks and praise. New church-to-church relationships were developed with congregations in Arizona, California, and several in New York and Pennsylvania were revitalized. Two VIM teams came here from Oklahoma; one led an outstanding VBS experience and the other did repairs and painting at the parsonage and church.

St. John - Anchorage

One of the realities of life at St. John is that no one person (even pastors) can know about all of the ministries that happen here. Scratching the surface we witnessed 3 new AA meetings, a choir cantata, youth led coffee ministry, discipleship metaphor artwork, reaching 800 members, divorce care group, dozens of adult study groups, Disciple Bible Study, Tool Swap, football tailgate party, softball and volleyball teams, vibrant children's ministries, retirement of our preschool director after 25 years, sold the parsonage, and increased mission giving. For every dollar that is spent 30 cents goes to missions beyond our church. As we face the challenges of new pastoral leadership we trust our God who will empower us to continue our mission to welcome others and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

United Methodist Church of Chugiak

With the arrival of Pastor Carlo Rapanut in July 2008 and teaming-up with the lay leadership that was strengthened by a difficult year of pastoral leadership transitions, the UMC of Chugiak has again found a sense of stability in its church life and mission. Ministry focused on the following areas:

Strengthening the faith community: Worship remains the cornerstone of congregational life at Chugiak. Average attendance is now 175. The children have their own unique worship experience in Children's Church. In addition to the two regular Sunday services, midweek services were held during Advent (hymn study series) and Lent (series on the seven last words of Jesus). Multi-sensory Services also occurred during Christmas, Lent and Easter. The Choir leads worshippers in joyful celebration. Sunday school classes were offered for children and youth, K-12, as well as three classes for adults. A Disciple Bible Study class met weekly. Congregational Care committee hosts bake sales, plant sales, and serves free cookies and juice after the service so that "traffic" at the lobby causes people to slow down and get to know each other better. The UMYF has 4 dedicated leaders and 25 members. They meet every other Sunday for study, fellowship and band practice.

Welcoming new people: Being true to the sign on the doors of the church, "All Are Welcome", 27 new members were received since February 2009. VBS 2008 was partly instrumental in drawing new people to church. The following community groups are hosted by UMCC: Two AA groups (Star & Last Chance), Girl Scouts Troop 188, Boy Scouts Troop 28, 4H, two volleyball groups (Alaska Volleyball Association & Alaska Ice Volley ball), Alaska Equine Rescue Society, Eklutna Tribal Council and Eagle River Mom's Club. Office space is also provided for Love INC. of Eagle River. The Trustees remain in the forefront of building, facility and ground maintenance and improvement to maintain the welcoming ambience.

Reaching out to the community: Aside from opening up our facility for community users, the Missions committee has led the congregation in mission and outreach. Christmas and Easter baskets were given to needy families through Chugiak Children's Services (CCS). The proceeds from a huge garage sale helped to support Love INC of Eagle River. A Sock Hop and Bingo Social was held for the benefit of Beans Café. A large drive was done recently to send out care packages to Ugandan troops serving in Iraq in partnership with former pastor, Steve Lambert, who is deployed as a Chaplain there. The youth are doing a mission trip to Birchwood Camp to help prepare it for the Camp season in the summer.

Looking at the future, the United Methodist Church of Chugiak intends to:

- Begin a ministry to young adults
- Strengthen the bond among church members
- Engage in more community outreach opportunities
- Open new doors for people to experience Christ through the church

The year 2008 for the Douglas Community United Methodist Church

Amidst the growing economic downturn and global crisis, the Douglas Community United Methodist Church is happy to faithfully remain in God, hear, discern and do God's work as a collective community of faith.

In April 3, 2008 The 25th Alaska State Legislature presented a Memoriam in honor of Claudia Kelsey and her more than six (6) decades of service in the state of Alaska. Those who've come before us had indeed paved the way and made life easier for us in this last frontier and so we honor their memory with gratitude: Sigurd Olson, Ina Lee Foye, Roberta Johnson, Vi Dyer, Terry Abad, Marie Devon, Bunny Westfall, Sue Kahklen and all those dear members of Douglas Church who are now home into their resting place in heaven.

The United Methodist Women unit participated in the Great Plunge in the freezing Lake, did the Annual Church Bazaar, hosted a Mission Education Event with Claudette Curtis, Beth McEwen, Julia Smith as lecturers and with the special participation of Juneau Mayor Bruce Botelho, teaching the women some cultural dances. The UMW unit received a citation being awarded again with the 5 Star Channel of Giving to Mission around the world in 2007. The

unit also sponsored eight (8) folks to the Western Jurisdiction Women Convention in the island of Hawaii, sent care packages to students and to soldiers in Iraq, sponsored a Big Children's Day care and presented the church a \$1400 check for its operational expenses.

The United Methodist Men, as in the years past, had collected aluminum cans collection for recycling to raise funds for the construction of the Eagle River United Methodist Camp chapel; provided hospitality at the Christmas Tree Lighting by serving refreshments to the Douglas Community around two hundred (200) people in attendance; and provided manual help/labor for seniors who need immediate assistance in the community.

The Discipleship Class 2008 met with Bea Shepard and studied *Under the Tree of Life* curriculum for 32 weeks, Vacation Bible School was held this year with the Crossroads Team from Washington, Laura Bruce taught Sunday School for adults, Claudette Curtis taught Sunday School classes for younger kids, and Sandie Coon served as dean at the Discovery Camp for youth at Eagle River Methodist Camp, and every 5th Sunday of the Month provide worship and music at the local nursing home in Juneau.

The Church Breakfast Program at the Gastineau Elementary School has served 9,000 bowls of oatmeal, peanut butter bread, and milk five (5) days a week, sixteen (16) meals at the Glory Hole with financial help, while the Church Food Pantry has served 125 families for 255 visits. Douglas is active in the Filipino community: Filipino-American Outreach honoring the Senior Citizens, Thanksgiving Service, Christmas Program Invocation, Memorial Services, Weddings, Baptism, Visitations.

We offer a number of community groups gathering space -Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Senior Luncheon Program (28th year), Perseverance Theater, Al-Anon, OE Anonymous, Murphmusak Music School. We continue to have a Covenant Relationship with Carol and Kevin Seckel, our Alaskan missionaries to Germany. Also around \$2,000 Christmas Offering was divided to benefit the Magsaysay Child Development Program in the Philippines, Native American Missional Priority and two (2) Local families.

The Tribute to Val and Alice Poor, long time Juneau constituents was celebrated by the community through a big United Methodist Potluck. Dave and Dorothea John of Michigan, Mary Louise and Tom Hager and their Longview, CA Team helped at the 4th of July BBQ Event where \$6,667.73 was raised and has enabled us to welcome about 500 people to use our facilities.

At the Parsonage Open House made possible through the SPR, some 24 dear friends and family enjoyed food and company. Pop Corn and Movie Nights Program received a Grant of \$1000 from the Conference New Ministries towards the purchase of a 50" TV set. We say, *THANK GOD FOR VIMS!* -in unison for the Baton Rouge, LA VIMs of Judd Hammond (12 people) who replaced our windows last year.

Lastly, we are grateful to serve as a local church with the 100% payment of Apportionment in 2008. Five (5) people joined the Church Membership: Jim Brown, Ruth Maller, Marjorie Edmunds, Melanie Adams and Kathy Cyr.

Soldotna UMC

Soldotna United Methodist Church had a good year in 2007. We received over \$12,000.00 from Oklahoma churches to assist our local stewardship efforts. Our regular Wednesday night dinners at the church were expanded to include two picnics on the beach at Dick and Molly Musgrove's and one included the VIM team from St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Bethany, Oklahoma. They extended the roof on the back of the church and eliminated our last

leaking roof. We are now leak free for the first time in many years. We also fix breakfast for the Kenai Alternative High School twice a week. A new after school program for children, "Live Big," was started in the fall. The grief support group, "Life, Love, and Loss," continued to meet twice monthly. Many of us helped with the second Kairos weekend at Wildwood Correctional Complex, and Rev. Whetsell continues to teach a weekly class called "The Joy of Self Discovery." The United Methodist Women have been very active with their annual garage sale, a hilarious fun time at the "Mad Hatter High Tea," and a very successful "Ten Thousand Villages" sale, which sent over \$13,000.00 to craftspeople and artisans around the world. We also shared services on Ash Wednesday with the Kenai and Nikiski churches, and our Maundy Thursday service was held at Christ Lutheran this year.

2008 at Soldotna United Methodist was a year of continued growth in existing ministries as well as some new ones. Disciple Bible Study continued through May, followed by the "Christian Believer" study in the fall. A new couples' workshop on "Marriage Communication" was taught by Rev. Norvell Robertson. Our children benefited from the work of Cub Scouts (Bill Parker), Girl Scouts (Cindy Little), and the after school program called "Live Big." We received three VIM teams from Oklahoma and they worked on mission projects in the community as well as Vacation Bible School and landscaping around the front of the church. We also completed our Kairos #3 at Wildwood Correctional Complex where Rev. Whetsell continues to teach a weekly class and hold monthly worship services. The new program this year was to start an "Alpha in the Community" at the Aspen Hotel in Soldotna. We hosted a community wide training event for "Alpha" and both events went well. Financial progress was made with the "Spring Fling" fun and auction event. We held our annual stewardship campaign in May and had a good response. The U. M. W. "Garage Sale" and "Ten Thousand Villages" were both big successes along with the many other educational and Missional activities of this group. We continue to have many folks active in the Alaska Walk to Emmaus community. New in November was a program sponsored by the Community Action Coalition called "Strengthening Families." This is another attempt to invite people in the community into our church.

XI. RULE CHANGES

There were no Rule Changes in 2009.

XII. FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA

A. Statistical Tables

ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 2008
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IDENTITY		CHURCH SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES																			
CHURCH	SENIOR PASTOR	CHURCH SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES																			
		Number of Leaders in Sunday church school groups	Number of leaders in all other groups	Children (0-6th grade) in Sunday church school groups	Children (0-6th) in all other groups	Youth (7th-12th grade) in all Sunday church school groups	Youth (7th grade-12th) in all other groups	Adults (post high school) in Sunday church school Groups	Adults (post high school) in all other goupers	Total Christian formation participants in church school groups	Total in all other goupes	Total Christian formation participants	Average Attendance in Sunday Church School	Average Attendance in other ongoing classes and groups	Average Attendance in other short-term classes and groups	Number of Christian formation groups other than Sunday church school for children	Number of Christian formation groups other than Sunday church school for Youth	Number of Christian formation groups other than Sunday church school for Adults	Number of Christian formation groups other than Sunday church school	Christian formation participants (line 19) who became professing members this year	
1 Homer	Charles Macindell	9	10	14	0	4	14	20	28	47	52	99	31	28	11	0	0	0	0	0	
2 Kenai	Martha Siler	3	14	3	21	0	0	12	7	18	42	60	8	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	
3 Moose Pass	Peter Perry	0	4	0	7	0	9	0	12	0	32	32	0	21	18	0	1	1	3	0	
4 Nikiski	Laura Shiba	6	1	10	0	16	10	22	15	54	26	80	30	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	
5 Nikilichik	Julie Wessner	2	2	3	0	0	0	14	14	19	17	36	8	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6 Seward	Peter Perry	5	3	15	0	6	8	8	24	34	35	69	16	42	26	1	2	4	7	0	
7 Soldotna	Richard Whitsell	2	5	15	0	0	0	8	23	25	28	53	9	10	10	1	1	0	3	4	
8 First Fairbanks	Thomas Teller	34	13	78	55	26	35	30	100	168	203	371	100	91	20	6	2	10	18	0	
9 Nome	David & Julie Emmore	0	0	43	25	0	0	3	0	46	25	71	25	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	
10 North Pole*	Karen Tichenor	7	1	10	4	6	5	20	30	43	40	83	30	5	0	1	1	2	4	0	
11 Wasilla	Tori & Robert Hicks	4	9	20	17	0	8	10	30	34	64	98	25	50	0	0	0	0	0	4	
12 Willow	Stephen Edred	3	3	3	6	4	6	8	12	18	27	45	10	6	11	0	1	2	3	3	
13 Anchor Park	Jon & Leila Disburg	17	29	40	35	10	15	24	100	91	179	270	46	55	30	1	2	11	14	0	
14 East Anchorage	Jon & Leila Disburg	5	2	9	0	3	7	15	32	32	34	66	27	15	20	0	0	2	2	0	
15 First Anchorage	Debra Lindsey-Hudgins	18	7	79	21	9	7	31	35	137	73	210	29	38	22	2	2	6	10	6	
16 First Seward	Sallia Mags	8	0	50	0	17	0	60	0	135	0	135	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17 Jewel Lake*	Lauren Kay Shook	5	4	4	25	1	3	11	6	21	38	59	15	6	25	2	0	1	3	0	
18 Korean	Who Shoung Park	5	0	5	0	12	0	0	35	22	35	57	19	42	10	0	0	0	0	0	
19 Saint John	David Beckert	103	72	388	187	206	127	0	35	662	732	1,048	236	59	369	4	5	19	28	45	
20 Turnagain	James Campbell	4	2	6	0	0	0	12	8	22	10	32	13	0	6	1	0	6	7	0	
21 Chugach	Carlo Rapant	18	25	41	64	19	21	34	32	112	142	254	87	19	12	2	2	3	7	5	
22 Girldwood	James Deepken	7	5	22	4	16	4	4	5	12	50	25	75	12	14	5	0	1	3	0	
23 Unalakleet	Daniel Wilcox	6	2	74	0	0	0	0	6	0	8	8	36	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	
24 Douglas	Imelda Ramos	3	2	5	0	2	0	0	5	18	15	20	35	12	7	10	0	2	2	1	
25 Aldersgate	Judy Shook	10	5	18	20	9	0	10	30	47	55	102	15	0	43	0	0	3	4	0	
26 Northern Light*	Jesse Perry	5	0	6	0	5	8	18	0	34	8	42	0	0	12	0	0	0	2	0	
27 Ketchikan	W.T. & Ev Etchele	4	2	5	0	0	5	8	5	17	12	29	12	6	0	0	1	1	2	0	
28 Sitka	Allen T. Bogen	6	12	10	124	5	4	14	117	35	257	292	16	24	10	10	8	9	27	0	
	2008 TOTAL	299	234	976	615	376	289	443	1,391	2,094	2,529	4,823	952	572	694	35	29	87	151	64	
	2007 TOTAL	330	229	975	398	418	307	432	1,296	2,155	2,230	4,385	964	538	751	22	26	88	136	89	
	INCREASE/(DECREASE)	(31)	5	1	217	(42)	(18)	11	95	(61)	299	238	(12)	34	(57)	13	3	(1)	15	(25)	

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IDENTITY		UMVIM		UMM		UMW		UMYF		WEEKDAY EVENTS		PROPERTY				
CHURCH	SENIOR PASTOR	Number of UMVIM leaves sent from this church	Number of church members participating in any UMVIM	Membership in United Methodist Men	Amount Paid for Projects	Membership in United Methodist Women	Amount Paid for Local Church & Community Work	Membership in UM Youth Fellowship	Amount Paid for Projects	Number of Weekday Ministry Programs	Number of Weekday Ministry Persons Served	Value of Church Land, Buildings, and Equipment	Value of Church Parsonage and Furniture	Value of Other Assets	Indebtedness on Items in 32, 33, & 34 on 31Dec08	Other Indebtedness
		25a	25b	26	27	28	29	30	31	32a	32b	33	34	35	36	37
1	Homer	0	0	5	0	18	592	13	0	0	0	600,000	175,000	0	252,000	0
2	Kenai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	150,000	15,000	0	0
3	Moose Pass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	510,000	0	16,295	3,200	0
4	Nikiski	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1	26	961,700	173,000	3,000	0	0
5	Ninilchik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	282,000	141,000	24,400	0	0
6	Seward	1	4	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	28	750,000	250,000	113,000	0	0
7	Soldotna	0	0	11	0	19	0	0	0	4	72	1,040,000	358,900	61,000	0	0
8	First Fairbanks	0	0	13	0	25	1725	35	7,500	0	0	3,000,000	0	124,000	0	0
9	Nome	0	0	0	0	10	9,000	0	0	0	0	1,506,000	226,000	12,500	0	0
10	North Pole*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	950,000	0	71,136	44,405	0
11	Wasilla	0	0	0	0	38	1,893	8	476	0	0	810,560	573,500	54,500	0	0
12	Willow	0	0	0	0	6	100	0	0	3	30	500,000	0	25,000	0	0
13	Anchor Park	0	0	0	0	20	4,615	15	0	0	0	4,100,000	365,000	116,995	0	0
14	East Anchorage	0	0	0	0	8	600	0	0	0	0	920,000	200,000	0	0	0
15	First Anchorage	0	0	0	0	48	8,260	0	0	0	0	6,400,000	0	154,300	0	0
16	First Samoan	0	0	15	0	40	0	26	0	0	0	525,000	1,000	0	400,000	0
17	Jewel Lake*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	10,450	87,200	0	0
18	Korean	0	0	6	1,000	18	3,300	10	2,000	0	0	500,000	30,000	50,000	0	0
19	Saint John	0	0	31	1,139	26	7,288	333	7,653	2	263	3,953,474	170,429	222,477	1,543,522	174,408
20	Turnagain	0	0	2	0	10	3,000	0	0	8	15	1,637,197	37,000	199,221	0	0
21	Chugiak	1	25	0	0	4	0	57	0	4	63	4,432,500	350,000	73,814	983,040	0
22	Girdwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8,450	1	12	1,902,000	10,000	12,000	541,914	0
23	Unalaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	55,000	22,000	9,613	0	0
24	Douglas	0	0	8	1,400	8	2,559	0	0	7	474	912,860	366,833	262,091	5,500	18,093
25	Aldersgate	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	63	1,820,000	408,000	8,000	225,000	0
26	Northern Light*	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	1,951,590	276,300	1,653,054	259,618	171
27	Ketchikan	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	900,000	350,000	0	159,000	0
28	Sitka	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	1,372,900	312,000	6,500	6,000	0
2008 TOTAL		2	29	91	3,539	343	42,932	530	26,079	37	1,098	43,292,781	4,956,412	3,375,096	4,423,199	192,672
2007 TOTAL		2	59	101	4,519	377	33,989	437	25,169	40	771	42,105,755	4,612,704	2,795,133	4,761,463	148,708
INCREASE/(DECREASE)		0	(30)	(10)	(980)	(34)	8,943	93	910	(3)	327	1,187,026	343,708	579,963	(338,264)	43,964

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IDENTITY	NUMBER	BENEVOLENCES										CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION					CONNECTIONAL CLERGY SUPPORT				
		World Service and Conference Benevolence Apportionment	World Service and Conference Benevolence Paid	Other General Conference Apportionments	Other General Conference Paid	General Advance Specials and World Service Gifts	Youth Service Fund	General Church Offerings	AMC Special Sunday Offerings	AMC Advance Specials	Higher Education	Health & Welfare Agencies	Other AMC Benevolences	Local Church Benevolences	Connectional Administration Apportionment	Connectional Administration Paid	Additional Clergy Pension Paid (Not Used in AMC after 1996)	Pension and Benefit Apportionment and Billing	Pension and Benefits Paid	Ministerial Support Apportionment & Move & Transfer Billing	Ministerial Support & Move & Transfer Paid
CHURCH		(37-38)a	(37-38)b	(39-41)a	(39-41)b	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	55a	55b	57	58a	58b	63a	63b
1 Homer	90534-3	7,791	7,791	669	669	1,035	0	951	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,989	6,989	0	9,868	9,868	5,250	5,250
2 Kenei	90542-3	5,399	5,399	463	463	0	0	0	0	3,653	0	0	0	0	4,843	4,843	0	9,297	9,297	3,639	3,639
3 Moose Pass	90546-7	986	986	85	85	0	0	134	0	0	0	0	0	20	885	885	0	0	0	664	664
4 Nikhil	90537-6	4,285	4,285	367	367	118	0	320	0	1,184	0	0	0	1,200	3,845	3,845	0	18,015	18,015	2,888	2,888
5 Niriuk	90543-6	2,146	2,146	184	184	1,338	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	2,647	1,925	1,925	0	1,040	1,040	1,447	1,447
6 Seward	90570-7	4,253	4,253	365	365	0	0	493	0	500	0	0	0	0	3,815	3,815	0	22,589	22,589	2,866	2,866
7 Sodolka	90545-6	6,285	6,285	539	539	43	0	807	0	807	0	3,701	70	0	5,637	5,637	0	19,725	19,725	4,236	4,236
8 First Fairbanks	90530-8	24,009	24,009	2,093	2,093	2,051	0	150	0	500	0	0	225	10,714	21,894	18,586	21,894	21,311	21,311	16,450	15,618
9 Nome	90562-7	3,124	3,124	268	268	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,802	2,802	588	882	2,978	2,105	2,105
10 North Pole*	90531-0	4,009	4,009	343	343	0	0	246	0	0	0	0	702	0	3,596	3,596	0	9,612	9,612	2,702	2,702
11 Wasilla	90541-0	9,041	9,041	776	776	0	0	805	0	0	0	0	815	5,601	8,110	8,110	0	19,913	19,913	6,094	6,094
12 Willow	90520-6	4,588	4,588	393	393	814	0	943	0	400	0	0	0	5,544	4,115	4,115	0	18,594	18,594	3,093	3,093
13 Anchor Park	90514-8	15,021	15,021	1,288	1,288	0	0	5,138	0	2,264	0	0	8,830	18,778	13,475	13,475	0	24,560	24,560	10,123	10,123
14 East Anchorage	90544-5	6,402	6,402	548	548	500	0	1,465	0	1,133	0	0	0	2,839	5,742	5,742	0	21,501	21,501	4,314	4,314
15 First Anchorage	90510-4	18,880	18,880	1,619	1,619	480	0	450	0	575	0	0	0	5,760	16,936	16,936	0	21,501	21,501	12,725	12,725
16 First Saranac	90554-7	2,626	0	225	187	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,355	0	0	0	900	75	1,770	1,770
17 Jewel Lake*	90511-5	4,527	4,527	388	388	480	0	1,567	0	1,000	0	0	0	25,189	4,061	4,061	0	21,889	21,889	3,051	3,051
18 Koonan	90509-2	3,739	376	321	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,353	338	0	0	0	2,520	254
19 Saint John	90512-6	38,960	36,960	3,170	3,170	6,732	0	3,497	0	2,625	0	0	15,991	15,991	33,159	33,159	0	63,348	63,348	24,910	24,910
20 Tunagain	90517-2	7,514	7,514	645	645	200	0	503	0	0	0	0	6,285	6,285	6,740	6,740	0	20,196	20,196	5,065	5,065
21 Chugach	90518-3	13,784	13,784	1,182	1,182	3,034	0	438	0	1,583	0	0	671	8,450	12,365	12,365	0	9,888	9,888	9,290	9,290
22 Unalakleet	90547-8	3,141	3,141	269	269	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,450	2,817	2,817	0	24,256	24,256	2,116	2,116
23 Unalakleet	90553-6	4,054	802	348	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,001	6,718	6,718	0	18,120	18,120	5,046	5,046
24 Douglas	90526-3	7,480	7,480	642	642	0	0	993	0	532	0	244	520	4,001	6,582	6,582	0	16,895	16,895	4,552	4,552
25 Uadagaga	90521-7	7,349	5,349	630	630	5,349	0	1,478	0	1,316	0	0	0	3,400	8,942	8,942	0	0	0	6,720	6,720
26 Northern Light*	90538-7	9,969	9,138	835	784	0	0	561	0	0	0	1,450	542	23,650	4,910	3,337	0	0	0	3,888	3,888
27 Northern Light*	90550-3	4,473	4,984	470	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	319	4,736	4,736	0	19,620	19,620	3,574	3,574
28 Sitka	90513-7	5,304	5,304	455	455	2,035	0	430	0	720	0	0	0	100	4,736	4,736	0	0	0	0	0
2008 TOTAL		226,549	215,860	19,600	18,142	24,819	0	21,615	0	18,792	0	5,395	12,375	131,853	206,014	188,833	22,482	402,918	392,509	154,033	146,274
2007 TOTAL		178,214	169,879	20,716	19,327	59,569	0	19,312	0	14,077	0	7,968	7,228	139,009	202,683	189,362	6,500	378,839	342,859	159,310	147,740
INCREASE/DECREASE		50,335	45,981	(1,116)	-1,165	(33,750)	0	2,303	0	4,715	0	(2,573)	5,147	(7,156)	2,331	(430)	16,182	24,079	49,650	(6,277)	(1,465)

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IDENTITY		CLERGY SUPPORT--LOCAL CHURCH						LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES						UMW	TOTAL	APPORTIONMENTS	
		Base Compensation of Pastor in Charge	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Utility and Housing Allowances Paid	Reimbursements Paid to Clergy	Other Cash Allowance Paid	Diocesan Minister(s) & Deacon(s) Salary, Allowances, & Expenses	Other Staff Salaries, Wages, Allowances, & Expenses	Current Program Expense	Other Current Operating Expense	Loan Principal and Interest	Building and Grounds Improvements	UMW Paid to AMC UMW Treasurer	GRAND TOTAL PAID	Total Apportionments & Billings	Apportionments & Billings Paid	
CHURCH	NUMBER	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	AMC 1	AMC2	
1 Homer	90534-3	41,712	0	6,110	185	0	0	18,745	3,242	29,371	0	102,274	2,305	236,497	30,567	30,567	
2 Kenai	90542-3	36,487	0	3,355	441	0	0	0	1,190	21,295	0	10,393	0	100,455	23,641	23,641	
3 Moose Pass	90546-7	2,100	0	0	1,555	0	0	0	1,051	2,474	0	3,150	0	13,104	2,620	2,620	
4 Nikiski	90537-6	27,182	0	3,569	4,600	0	0	4,432	3,617	21,063	0	10,881	0	106,383	29,401	29,401	
5 Ninilchik	90543-4	11,860	0	0	0	2,720	0	0	1,004	10,756	0	0	0	38,896	6,742	6,742	
6 Seward	90570-7	9,904	0	9,156	2,586	0	0	0	3,666	22,845	0	0	0	83,038	33,888	33,888	
7 Soldotna	90545-6	34,060	0	5,429	287	0	0	0	9,066	27,314	0	18,552	0	135,751	36,422	36,422	
8 First Fairbanks	90530-8	44,662	0	35,524	6,956	0	0	122,019	15,803	78,572	0	0	0	398,905	86,157	81,729	
9 Nome	90562-7	24,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	991	30,381	0	0	0	67,235	9,181	11,275	
10 North Pole*	90531-0	29,071	0	14,000	1,750	0	0	11,794	750	23,579	7,248	0	0	109,473	20,262	20,333	
11 Wasilla	90520-6	43,640	0	3,685	3,155	107	0	6,949	2,622	16,197	0	0	670	128,000	43,934	43,934	
12 Willow	90551-4	25,143	0	13,200	3,424	3,389	0	0	1,681	19,264	0	56,557	0	156,702	31,773	31,773	
13 Anchor Park	90514-8	48,397	0	9,056	3,390	0	0	98,137	26,324	56,521	0	0	2,782	335,242	64,457	64,457	
14 East Anchorage	90544-5	45,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,450	4,536	41,816	0	0	0	124,595	17,006	17,006	
15 First Anchorage	90510-4	58,980	0	23,200	1,000	2,500	0	82,750	18,000	105,472	0	0	2,000	372,828	71,661	71,661	
16 First Samoan	90554-7	13,400	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	500	7,000	3,000	0	0	25,162	7,876	262	
17 Jewel Lake*	90511-5	24,928	0	2,500	2,500	0	0	19,617	7,288	45,883	0	1,035	0	167,720	33,916	33,916	
18 Korean	90509-2	24,000	0	0	4,000	3,360	0	0	4,000	9,500	0	0	0	45,860	9,933	1,000	
19 Saint John	90512-6	63,110	46,200	30,776	6,938	0	82,717	231,302	19,810	149,267	157,898	20,480	2,025	990,915	151,547	151,547	
20 Turnagain	90517-2	28,209	0	18,750	4,200	0	0	23,075	5,401	29,414	0	76,157	1,500	233,854	40,160	40,160	
21 Chugiak	90518-3	45,109	0	5,210	9,704	0	0	33,886	4,908	82,246	97,197	0	0	330,324	46,609	46,609	
22 Girdwood	90547-8	0	0	22,310	3,432	690	0	0	6,400	23,937	54,981	29,712	0	183,621	32,599	32,599	
23 Unalaska	90553-6	586	0	13,863	4,630	0	0	2,400	6,605	19,548	0	0	0	57,573	30,788	9,941	
24 Douglas	90526-3	39,993	0	8,353	2,000	2,200	0	11,290	9,573	32,161	0	8,501	3,391	158,169	38,018	38,018	
25 Aldersgate	90521-7	37,450	0	4,764	730	545	0	9,090	5,602	42,190	19,736	0	0	163,869	36,218	32,218	
26 Northern Light*	90538-7	22,500	0	2,163	266	0	0	30,628	5,715	45,597	67,082	0	1,800	224,241	26,486	24,279	
27 Ketchikan	90550-3	27,373	0	7,480	45	0	0	7,643	3,740	11,054	13,838	16,301	0	102,340	14,541	12,009	
28 Sitka	90513-7	30,296	0	0	0	5,000	0	225	1,263	36,721	3,800	5,698	871	120,870	33,711	33,711	
	2008 TOTAL	838,972	46,200	242,453	67,774	21,511	82,717	715,432	174,348	#####	424,780	359,691	17,344	5,211,621	1,010,114	961,718	
	2007 TOTAL	735,638	58,760	270,843	73,884	15,045	76,257	737,111	204,659	961,726	500,555	404,606	18,770	5,179,485	939,764	869,167	
	INCREASE/(DECREASE)	103,334	(12,560)	(28,390)	(6,110)	6,466	6,460	(21,679)	(30,311)	79,712	(75,775)	(44,915)	(1,426)	32,136	70,350	92,551	

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IDENTITY		ANNUAL OPERATING AND BENEVOLENCE BUDGET SOURCES									CAPITAL AND SPECIAL SOURCES				OUTSIDE LOCAL CHURCH SOURCES			
CHURCH	NUMBER	Number of Giving Units	Received thru Pledges	Received from non-pledging, yet identified givers	Received from Unidentified Givers	Received from Int. & Div.	Received from sale of Church Assets	Received from building use fees, contributions and rentals	Received thru fundraisers	Total	Capital Campaign	Memorial/Endowment/Bequests	Other Sources & Projects	Total	Equitable Compensation Funds	Advanced Specials & Apportioned Fund	Other	Total
		1.0	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	1g	1	2a	2b	2c	2	3a	3b	3c	3
1 Homer	90534-3	85	81,038	31,235	2,950	0	0	4,753	3,356	123,332	175,933	0	0	175,933	0	0	0	0
2 Kenai	90542-3	37	52,041	38,959	3,187	455	0	0	0	94,642	0	285	0	285	0	0	0	0
3 Moose Pass	90546-7	13	0	13,134	1,527	0	0	367	609	15,637	1,797	0	0	1,797	0	900	3,500	4,400
4 Nikiski	90537-6	35	39,050	48,827	1,690	0	0	2,400	0	91,967	16,625	500	0	17,125	3,500	7,913	0	11,413
5 Ninilchik	90543-4	39	0	36,763	5,968	161	0	5,530	0	48,422	0	0	0	0	2,400	0	0	2,400
6 Seward	90570-7	32	56,400	15,840	3,040	2,830	0	1,200	8,300	87,610	2,800	0	0	2,800	9,350	17,563	1,000	27,913
7 Soldotna	90545-6	110	58,746	63,082	4,131	1,505	0	520	3,176	131,160	17,160	12,950	0	30,110	0	10,276	4,200	14,476
8 First Fairbanks	90530-8	400	295,399	91,539	11,793	720	0	376	610	400,437	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Nome	90562-7	0	0	39,204	3,866	0	0	3,845	0	46,915	0	0	0	0	15,903	8,012	0	21,915
10 North Pole*	90531-0	35	62,099	0	22,523	0	0	600	5,361	90,583	39,324	0	0	39,324	0	0	0	0
11 Wasilla	90520-6	64	85,823	24,242	12,766	393	0	0	1,571	124,795	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	50
12 Willow	90551-4	47	0	71,715	13,151	9,638	0	250	0	94,754	68,733	855	0	69,588	6,000	22,043	9,159	37,202
13 Anchor Park	90514-8	140	171,322	144,633	10,812	71	0	3,000	17,040	346,878	3,371	0	0	3,371	478	2,203	5,000	7,681
14 East Anchorage	90544-5	70	89,181	12,418	0	230	0	39,335	337	141,501	0	0	0	0	0	1,031	0	1,031
15 First Anchorage	90510-4	206	156,325	117,423	52,656	1,543	0	158,998	3,625	490,570	0	2,250	0	2,250	0	1,172	0	1,172
16 First Samoan	90554-7	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	5,000	25,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 Jewel Lake*	90511-5	65	125,996	31,115	2,616	228	0	540	15,320	175,815	1,000	1,445	0	2,445	0	9,467	0	9,467
18 Korean	90509-2	0	0	78,127	0	0	0	0	0	78,127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 Saint John	90512-6	499	743,696	114,753	16,988	2,832	0	25,006	31,658	934,933	0	300	0	300	0	0	0	0
20 Turnagain	90517-2	69	65,024	27,417	4,694	8,131	0	34,945	11,569	151,780	40,332	0	0	40,332	0	14,641	0	14,641
21 Chugiak	90518-3	171	264,400	58,343	10,835	197	0	6,640	0	340,415	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22 Girdwood	90547-8	47	62,372	18,635	4,585	1,742	3,000	250	0	90,584	62,460	0	9,473	71,933	0	57,157	0	57,157
23 Unalaska	90553-6	24	0	26,765	7,020	11	0	370	8,785	42,951	0	0	0	0	5,500	64,175	7,034	76,709
24 Douglas	90526-3	18	51,606	51,575	6,024	3,348	4,000	14,708	6,326	137,587	0	1,155	0	1,155	0	4,153	0	4,153
25 Aldersgate	90521-7	80	0	120,800	3,214	979	0	22,608	2,975	150,576	0	0	0	0	0	8,950	1,160	10,110
26 Northern Light*	90538-7	77	59,214	36,308	3,539	3,906	0	31,120	4,644	138,731	10,325	46,017	0	56,342	0	1,818	0	1,818
27 Ketchikan	90550-3	0	71,171	0	3,694	5	0	15,000	9,171	99,041	1,015	215	11,037	12,267	7,872	5,817	0	13,689
28 Sitka	90513-7	37	81,000	1,246	11	22	0	18,974	2,896	104,149	0	0	0	0	0	19,437	0	19,437
2008 TOTAL		2,400	2,671,903	1,334,098	213,280	38,947	7,000	391,335	142,329	4,798,892	440,875	65,972	20,510	527,357	51,003	254,778	31,053	336,834
2007 TOTAL		2,433	2,601,488	1,465,227	188,529	28,089	64,818	294,159	203,942	4,846,252	161,224	36,198	255,800	453,222	37,801	222,944	56,689	299,434
INCREASE/(DECREASE)		(33)	70,415	(131,129)	24,751	10,858	(57,818)	97,176	(61,613)	(47,360)	279,651	29,774	(235,290)	74,135	13,202	31,834	(25,636)	37,400

*Presbyterian/United Methodist United Churches reporting half of total receipts

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Alaska United Methodist Conference
2010 Conference Budget

	2010 Requested	2010 Approved	\$ +/-	%+/-
<u>Connectional Clergy Support Fund</u>				
Apportioned Benefits Funding	-	-		
Conference Superintendent's Fund	143,954	154,080	15,627	11.3%
Salary	97,104	97,104	4,231	4.6%
Pension & Benefits	5,800	5,826		
Business & Professional Expenses	27,000	27,000	-	0.0%
Health Insurance	9,400	19,500		
Workers Comp	1,650	1,650		
Discretionary Fund	1,000	3,000		
Provides for the compensation, pension and benefits, health insurance, and expenses for the Conference Superintendent. The Professional Ministries Unit recommended the compensation in accordance with the Conference Rule # R2.04				
Episcopal Fund	10,392	10,392	224	2.2%
Our apportionment from the General Church for our share in supporting all Bishops of the United Methodist Church including salaries, residences, pensions, travel, and other benefits and office and professional expenses.				
Episcopal Housing	4,000	4,000	-	0.0%
A portion of the housing costs for our Bishop. The Pacific Northwest Conference owns a residence in Seattle. The costs include taxes, utilities, repairs, and maintenance.				
Equitable Compensation	75,000	75,000	-	0.0%
Provides funds needed to meet the salary aid need of the Conference.				
Clergy Recruitment Fund			- (5,000)	-100.0%
Function fulfilled through the Conference Superintendent's line item.				
Mission Aid Fund	25,000	25,000	-	0.0%
Provides funds to assist churches in missional situations that face unusual or ongoing economic difficulties meeting their clergy benefit obligations.				

	2010 Requested	2010 Approved	\$ +/-	%+/-
Western Jurisdiction Korean Superintendent	641	641	54	9.2%
Our apportionment from the Western Jurisdictional Conference for our share of the support for the Western Jurisdiction Korean Mission Superintendent.				
	258,987	269,113	10,905	4.2%

Connectional Administration Fund

Administrative Unit	5,000	5,000	2,150	75.4%
Provides funds to cover the travel and administrative costs of the Unit.				
Annual Conference Session	12,000	8,000	(8,000)	-50.0%
Provides funds to cover the cost of our Annual Conference Session				
Area Expense Fund	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
Our share of the office expense for the Bishop office.				
Commission on Archives & History	3,600	3,600	-	0.0%
Provides meeting and administrative expenses for the commission.				
Conference Center	105,910	104,710	(8,330)	-7.4%
Salaries	42,000	42,000	(3,500)	-7.7%
Business & Professional Expenses	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
Social Security	3,060	3,060	1,860	155.0%
Pension & Benefit	2,500	2,500	(250)	-9.1%
Health Insurance	8,800	8,800	400	4.8%
Worker Comp	700	700	(140)	-16.7%
Telephone	4,000	4,000	(1,500)	-27.3%
Supplies	1,000	1,000	(1,000)	-50.0%
Postage & Delivery	1,500	1,500	(2,000)	-57.1%
Equipment Replacement	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
Equipment Maintenance	1,000	1,000	(200)	-16.7%
Auditing	7,500	7,500	1,500	25.0%
Office Rent	21,600	20,400	-	0.0%
Insurance & Bonding	4,000	4,000	(1,000)	-20.0%
Printing & Copying	750	750	-	0.0%
Facilities Maintenance	2,000	2,000	(3,000)	-60.0%
Outside Professional Expenses	1,000	1,000	500	100.0%
Misc	2,000	2,000	-	0.0%

Provides for the operational expenses of the Conference Office housed at East UMC in Anchorage. Expenses include salary and benefits for the office staff, rent, supplies, etc.

	2010 Requested	2010 Approved	\$ +/-	%+/-
Conference Secretary			(150)	-100.0%
Conference Journal	2,500	2,500	(1,000)	-28.6%
Conference Statistician			(60)	-100.0%
<p>group line items</p> <p>Proposal for the 2010 budget is one line item to provide for the creation of a journal incorporating the work of Conference Secretary and statistician.</p>				
Council on Finance and Administration	33,000	33,000		
Office of the Treasurer	30,000		(30,000)	-100.0%
Council Expenses	3,000		(2,500)	-100.0%
<p>Provides travel and meeting funds for the Council and the annual contract cost for Treasury and financial services provided by the Pacific Northwest Conference Treasurer's office.</p>				
Courtesy			(250)	-100.0%
<p>AC Session</p> <p>Proposal for 2010 budget puts this expenditure within the Annual Conference session budget.</p>				
General Conference Administration	4,094	4,094	(77)	-1.8%
<p>A General Church apportionment covering our share of the cost of the quadrennial General Conference Session and other general administrative costs of the church at large.</p>				
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	1,007	1,007	(2)	-0.2%
<p>A General Church apportionment covering our share of the participation in various ecumenical agencies.</p>				
Jurisdictional Administration Fund	985	985	82	9.1%
<p>A Western Jurisdiction apportionment to cover our share of the quadrennial conference and administrative costs.</p>				
Lay Leader Expense	6,000	6,000	5,500	1100.0%
<p>Provides for the expenses of the Conference Lay Leader who represent the Alaska United Methodist Conference at Jurisdictional and General Church gatherings.</p>				
Professional Ministries Unit	11,800	11,800	300	2.6%
<p>Provides for funding of the Professional Church Workers retreat, Ethic Training, new clergy orientation, clergy matters, and unit administration.</p>				

	2010 Requested	2010 Approved	\$ +/-	%+/-
Western Jurisdiction VIM Coordinator Our share to the Jurisdictional VIM Coordinator.	2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
Volunteers in Mission Provides travel and administrative costs for the Alaska VIM Coordinator.	2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
Delegate Expense Fund Provides part of the cost of sending our general and jurisdictional delegates to these quadrennial meetings. The is funding is over the course of the quadrenimum.	2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
Quadrennial Training Travel Provides funds for training programs of the General and Jurisdiction Conferences that are held at the beginning of each quadrennial. This funding is over the course of the quadrennium.	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
Property Repair & Maintenance Fund Provides funds for repair, maintenance and other costs on the Mission and Wesleyan House properties.	10,000	10,000	-	0.0%
Contingency Fund Provides funds for unanticipated administrative expenses that occur during the year.	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
	245,896	207,696	(9,337)	-4.3%

World Service & Conference Benevolence Fund

World Service Fund The primary benevolent responsibility of each local United Methodist congregation. World Service is apportioned by the General Church to all conferences and provides the main source of funds for the church's worldwide ministries. This fund provides all or a substantial part of the financial support of our general church program boards, commissions, councils and missionary personnel.	37,782	37,782	348	0.9%
Connectional Ministries	98,000	98,000	13,000	15.3%
Salary	54,500			
Pension and Benefits	20,000			
Travel and Professional expenses	22,000			
Continuing Education	1,500			
Provides funds for the Director of Connectional Ministry, including salary and benefits, and professional expenses.				

	2010 Requested	2010 Approved	\$ +/-	%+/-
Conference Coordinating Council Provides for travel and other meeting costs of the Council.	3,000	3,000	(2,000)	-40.0%
Campus Ministries	20,000	20,000	1,500	8.1%
UAA /APU	6,000			
UAF	14,000			
Provides support for campus ministries in Fairbanks and Anchorage.				
Communications	860	860	133	18.3%
Provides for Conference web site and other communication.				
Native Ministries	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
Provides funding for travel, worship resources, and promotional material for Native Awareness Sunday offering.				
New Ministries	35,000	30,000	3,300	12.4%
Provides funding for new ministries opportunities, and administration.				
Church and Community Worker	20,000	15,000	15,000	
Provide funds for work in among native people in Willow, Anvik, and Grayling				
Alaska Christian Conference	500	500	-	0.0%
Provides funds for participation in ecumenical work in Alaska.				
Council on Youth Ministries	31,500	8,000	-	0.0%
Provides funding for the Conference Council on Youth Ministry, including internet, a mission trip, and a youth rally.				
Conference Outdoor Ministries	24,200	24,200	3,000	14.2%
Provides funding for travel, administration, program expenses of the committee and funds for Birchwood and Eagle River.				
United Methodist Men	900	900		
Conference Secretary of Global Ministries			(700)	-100.0%
No request was received and no funds spent last year.				
Coordinator of Disaster Preparedness	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
Provides funding for this conference position..				

	2010 Requested	2010 Approved	\$ +/-	%+/-
Regional Program Councils	20,500	16,500	(2,500)	-13.2%
Kenai	3,500	3,000		
Northern	4,000	4,000		
South Central	6,500	4,750		
South East	6,500	4,750		
Provides funding for the program councils.				
	<u>416,742</u>	<u>261,242</u>	31,981	13.9%
Ministerial Education Fund	12,934	12,934	(13)	-0.1%
Provides funds to support ministerial education. 25% of the receipts are retained by the Conference for educational purposes The remaining 75% is sent to the General Church for use by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for our support of United Methodist seminaries and other educational programs.				
Black College Fund	5,160	5,160	(5)	-0.1%
Provides funds for financial assistance for United Methodist related historic black colleges.				
Africa University Fund	1,155	1,155	(1)	-0.1%
Provides funds for the support of Africa University, a United Methodist University in Zimbabwe.				
	<u>19,249</u>	<u>19,249</u>	(19)	-0.1%
Total Conference Budget	<u>940,874</u>	<u>757,300</u>	33,530	4.6%
Anticipated Income			-	
Apportionments		<u>637,800</u>	1,030	0.2%
Parish Assistance Grar Eq Comp		23,000	-	0.0%
Parish Partners Fund(AUMC Advance Special) Eq Comp		5,000	(5,000)	-50.0%
Church & Community Worker				
From Reserves		42,000		
Rental Income DS		37,500	(1,500)	-3.8%
Investment Income Eq Comp		<u>12,000</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	-20.0%
		757,300	33,530	4.6%

F. Pastor's Salaries, Allowances and Benefits – 2009

Church	Salary	Cont. Ed.	Prof. Exp.	Travel	Housing & Util.
Aldersgate	43,000	500(v)	-	500(v)	pars/util
Anchor Park & East Anchorage					
Co-Pastor	51,300	1550(v)	1800(v)	2000(v)	pars/util
Co-Pastor	51,300	1550(v)	1800(v)	2000(v)	pars/util
Anchorage Korean	24,000	-	-	-	19,200
Christ First	43,460	1000(v)	-	5500(v)	pars/util
Community (Nome)	51,982	500(v)	2000(v)	-	pars/util
Douglas Community	41,243	1000(v)	-	500(v)	pars/util
First Anchorage	60,152	1000(v)	-	2500	23,200
First Fairbanks	46,762	1000(v)	3000(v)	3000(v)	35,524
First Ketchikan	43,993	1000(v)	55(v)	1500(v)	pars/util
First Samoan	20,400	-	-	-	pars/util
Girdwood Chapel	36,739	1500(v)	1700(v)	2500(v)	22,310
Homer	44,435	500(v)	5500(v)	1000(v)	pars/util
Jewel Lake Parish	51,237	1000(v)	2500(v)	1500(v)	pars/util
New Hope M/P *	41,160	2,000(v)	1,500(v)	-	22,000
North Star	41,635	1000(v)	-	4100(v)	pars/util
Northern Light	58,000	-	3000(v)	-	24,000
Palmer Fellowship	22,000	-	-	-	pars/util
Seward	44,235	1000(v)	1200(v)	2000(v)	pars/util
Moose Pass	-	-	-	3000(v)	-
Soldotna	45,580	1000(v)	-	3000(v)	pars/util
St. John					
Senior Pastor	65,000	(v)	(v)	(v)	28,400
Associate Pastor	44,200	1500(v)	1200(v)	1200(v)	24,500
St. Peter/Fisherman	13,260	960(v)	-	2700(v)	12,000
Turnagain	32,000	1000(v)	700(v)	2500(v)	15,000
Unalaska	47,783	2000(v)	-	4000(v)	pars/util
UMC of Chugiak	46,350	2000(v)	2400(v)	-	pars/util
UMC/New Covenant	43,395	1600(v)	1600(v)	2000(v)	pars/util
UMC of Sitka	40,435	-	3000(v)	-	pars/util
Willow	45,835	1000(v)	1400(v)	3600(v)	8,400
v=vouchered					

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XII. RULES OF ORDER**DIVISION 1 . . ORGANIZATION OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE**

R1.00...NAME: Created by The United Methodist Church as a missionary conference, the name of the conference shall be The Alaska United Methodist

Conference (AUMC). It may be known informally as The Alaska Conference, and its Board of Trustees may be incorporated under the name The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Inc.

R1.00 . . . CONVENING: The Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC) shall convene its annual conference on the date set by the Presiding Bishop of the area as provided in the United Methodist Discipline (**Disc., 2008, ¶603.2**).

R1.05 . . . PLANNING COMMITTEE: The annual conference Planning Committee (AMPC) shall plan the annual conference. (See **R5.1002** for the composition and duties of this committee.)

DIVISION 2 . . . MEMBERSHIP

R2.00 . . . CATEGORIES: The categories of clergy membership in the AUMC shall be:

AFFILIATE: Ordained United Methodist clergy appointed by the Presiding Bishop of the area to serve United Methodist Churches and/or ecumenical agencies and ecumenical shared ministries within the boundaries of the AUMC shall have affiliate status and full voting rights as provided in the 2008 *Book of Discipline*, ¶586.5. This category does not include those serving in the category of Indigenous.

COLLEGIAL: Ordained clergy of other denominations who meet disciplinary requirements (**Disc., 2008, ¶346.2**) and who are appointed by the Presiding Bishop of the area to serve in United Methodist Churches or ecumenical shared ministries or are hired by ecumenical agencies shall have the right of participation as defined in the *Book of Discipline*. Collegial means in association with the AUMC.

INDIGENOUS: Indigenous persons in The Alaska United Methodist Conference who have been ordained by a United Methodist bishop, or who have been ordained by another church in ministerial communion with The United Methodist Church when the orders of such a person are recognized and accepted by the Presiding Bishop, who apply for membership and who are accepted for membership by the bishop shall be clergy members in full connection of The Alaska United Methodist Conference.

As provided in ¶588 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*, any other portion of the *Discipline* notwithstanding, there shall be a Council of Native Elders (the Council). The Council shall have the right to recommend to the bishop Alaska indigenous persons as candidates for ordination as elders and deacons. The bishop, in consultation with the AUMC Superintendent, shall have the authority to act on the recommendation. The bishop may appoint indigenous persons to be members of the Council. Candidates for ordination approved through this process shall be ordained by the bishop at an ordination service during the time of the annual conference of the AUMC.

R2.01 . . . COVENANT STATEMENT: The Alaska United Methodist Conference at its 1996 annual conference established the right of full ministerial membership. As we enter this time of transition toward conference membership, it is important as persons, lay and clergy of the AUMC in this conference, to affirm what it means to be The Alaska United Methodist Conference of The United Methodist Church. As persons fully aware of the expanded opportunities for ministry in The

Alaska United Methodist Conference, and with the knowledge that because of that opportunity we will become a different body, some of whom will be full members and others who will be affiliate members of The Alaska United Methodist Conference, we covenant together to

- pray for the well-being of each person and their ministry and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this emerging conference and its leaders
- recognize the unique nature of our conference and to work against any process or perception that would unnecessarily highlight the differentiation between the members and the affiliates and thus fragment our community.
- acknowledge and respect the theological, cultural, professional and gender diversity that we represent, by modeling inclusiveness at all levels, conscientiously respecting professional boundaries both in our personal lives and in our corporate life together and actively upholding and affirming each other's ministries.
- participate, to the best of our ability, in conference activities so that our connections with each other will be strengthened through genuine support and accountability.
- be assertive when we feel we have been wronged, stay in dialogue when disagreements arise, utilize the process set forth in our Discipline, recognize and adhere to the lines of authority expressed therein and strive to be fair and kind in our speech and our process
- actively welcome and encourage new members, both temporary and permanent, while respecting and listening to the insights and experience of our established members.

"Support without accountability promotes moral weakness; accountability without support is a form of cruelty." (2008 Discipline, ¶ 101: "General Rules and Social Principles")

We the people of God called United Methodist, in ministry in The Alaska United Methodist Conference, grounded in the creative power of the living Word, and immersed in the grace of God through Jesus the Christ, commit ourselves to this covenant. May we truly be to each other and to the world the body of Christ.

R2.03...SUPERINTENDENCY: If the presiding bishop appoints more than one person to superintend the work of the Church in the AUMC, then there shall be formed a Superintending Team (Team). The Team shall consist of those persons appointed by the bishop to superintend the Church in the AUMC. The Team shall form its own organization and shall choose for itself, under the supervision of the bishop, how it shall divide the work of superintending. However, each church in the AUMC will receive clear and prompt information about which member of the Team is to be that church's primary contact among the Team members for advice and assistance as required.

The Team will choose for itself which member shall perform the superintending functions specified in these rules, and on any body of the AUMC which requires membership of the AUMC superintendent, any one or more members of the Team may represent the Team. However, if more than one Team member attends a meeting of such a body, then only one will be empowered with vote on those bodies on which the superintendent has a vote. In the interest of continuity and order the Team is encouraged to maintain consistent representation on each AUMC body providing for membership of a superintendent.

R2.04...SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENSATION: If one person is appointed to be the Superintendent of the AUMC, then the Superintendent's salary will be established by the Professional Ministries Unit at 150% of the Conference Average Compensation (CAC) for the most recent year for which information is available from the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits if no parsonage is provided to the Superintendent. If a parsonage is provided, then the Superintendent's salary will be 120% of the CAC. In any event, the Superintendent will be provided with an additional allowance of four percent (4%) of compensation per year for utility expenses. These amounts will be computed at such time as to be included in the budget recommendation the Council on Finance and Administration presents to the AUMC for establishing the conference budget for the succeeding calendar year, and the Superintendent's compensation will not be changed at any other time.

R2.05 . . . INSTITUTION AND AGENCY MEMBERS: Institutions and agencies related to the AUMC and/or the GBGM shall be fully franchised in the AUMC and shall be allowed two (2) voting members (one lay person and one clergy), both of whom shall be members of The United Methodist Church in accordance with constitutional requirements (**Disc., 2008, ¶586.5**). Institutions and agencies currently related to the AUMC are:

- Alaska Children's Services, Inc.
- Alaska Pacific University
- Nome Community Center
- United Campus Ministry, Inc. Fairbanks
- University Community Ministry, Anchorage
- Wesley Rehabilitation Center of Seward

R2.10 . . . LAY MEMBERSHIP FROM CHURCHES: The charge conference of each charge shall elect a lay member and one (1) or more alternate members of the AUMC quadrennially at the charge conference following the quadrennial meeting of the General Conference. Lay members whose terms would otherwise expire at the end of 2003 will, with the enactment of this rule, have their terms extended through 31 December 2004. Each charge served by more than one clergy shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy. Each congregation of a charge shall be entitled to lay representation, provided there are not more than two (2) lay members from each congregation.

R2.15 . . . LAY MEMBERS AT LARGE: The AUMC lay leader, the president of United Methodist Women (UMW), president or one of the members of the Conference Council of Youth Ministry (CCYM), diaconal ministers serving in the AUMC, and the active deaconesses under episcopal appointment within the bounds of the AUMC shall be members of the AUMC provided that they have been members of The United Methodist Church for at least two (2) years (**Disc., 2008, ¶32**).

R2.20 . . . NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Non-members of the AUMC having membership on one of its agencies, units, councils, committees, task forces, or societies shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters relating to the report of said unit, council, committee, task force, or society. In addition the following persons shall have the privilege of the floor without vote:

- Lay home missionaries related to the GBGM
- Other missionaries serving within the bounds of the AUMC
- A CCYM representative from each region

A representative of a fellowship meeting regularly and authorized by the AUMC Superintendent

The AUMC may authorize national workers, pastors of ecumenical parishes, official visitors of other denominations, and ordained United Methodist clergy who are not otherwise members of the AUMC to be accorded the same privilege.

R2.25 . . . EQUAL MEMBERSHIP: In order to achieve equality of lay and clergy membership at the annual conference, the Presiding Bishop and AUMC Superintendent may appoint a committee each year to select lay persons to equalize membership (Disc., 2008, ¶32).

DIVISION 3 . . . ATTENDANCE

R3.00 . . . ATTENDANCE: Clergy members, lay members, and missionaries are expected to attend the annual conference sessions on a full-time basis unless excused by the AUMC superintendent.

R3.05 . . . REIMBURSEMENT: Reimbursement for approved expenses as defined by the Council on Finance and Administration will be paid for clergy members, lay members, local pastors, home missionaries, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, the AUMC secretary, the statistician, the treasurer, the historian, the chancellor, the chairperson of the CFA, and AUMC staff personnel as approved by the AUMC Superintendent.

DIVISION 4 . . . OFFICERS OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE

R4.00 . . . NUMBER, NAME, AND MANNER OF ELECTION: The officers of the AUMC shall be:

President: The Presiding Bishop of the Area presides at all sessions of the AUMC.

Secretary: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected at the first session of the AUMC following the general conference, the Secretary serves for a quadrennium and keeps the minutes of all sessions of the AUMC and edits the journal of the AUMC.

Statistician: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected at the first session of the AUMC following the General Conference, the Statistician serves for a quadrennium and keeps the statistical record of the AUMC.

Treasurer: Nominated by CFA with the confirmation by the AUMC at its next session, the Treasurer manages the financial office of the AUMC and provides reports of financial operation.

Conference Coordinating Council Chairperson: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations at the annual conference following General Conference. Shall serve for the quadrennium.

Historian: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations, the Historian keeps the historical record of the AUMC.

Chancellor: Nominated by the Presiding Bishop of the Area with the concurrence of the AUMC, the Chancellor serves as general counsel on legal matters for the AUMC.

Conference Lay Leader: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by ballot quadrennially at the first session of the lay members of the AUMC following the regular session of General Conference. The current lay leader will

preside over the election and is not prohibited from candidacy or from reelection. When the election is held, additional nominations will be received from the floor. Only lay members of the AUMC will have vote in the election, and election will be by a majority of the valid ballots cast. Balloting will continue until an election is declared by the presiding officer. If a vacancy in the office occurs between sessions of the AUMC, then the office will be filled by a lay member of a church in the AUMC chosen by a committee consisting of the Bishop, the AUMC Superintendent, the AUMC President of United Methodist Women, and the AUMC President of United Methodist Men. The person so selected shall serve until the next lay session of the AUMC, at which time a person will be elected to fill the unexpired term of office.

Assistant Secretary(ies) and Statistician(s): Nominated annually by the Secretary and Statistician respectively, or appointed ad interim with concurrence of the AUMC at its opening session, the assistants provide assistance in the recording of the minutes and tabulation of statistics of the AUMC.

DIVISION 5 . . . STANDING COMMITTEES, UNITS, AND COUNCILS OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE.

R5.00 . . . NAME AND NUMBER: The standing committees, units, and councils of the AUMC shall be:

Administrative Unit

Alaska Christian Conference Delegation

Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Commission on Archives and History

Committee on Communications

Committee on Mission Personnel

Committee on Nominations

Conference Coordinating Council

Conference Council on Youth Ministry

Continuing Consultation with the General Board of Global Ministries

Council on Finance and Administration

Courtesy Committee

Joint Missionary Conference Consultation Committee

Native Ministry Committee

New Ministries Committee

Outdoor Ministries Committee

Professional Ministry Unit

Board of Laity

Regional Program Councils for Southeast, Northern, Southcentral, and Kenai Peninsula Regions.

R5.0100...In order to ensure compliance with the United Methodist *Book of Discipline*, the function of each annual conference agency specified in the *Discipline* shall be filled by an AUMC agency as indicated herein following. By a method to be selected by the conference agency to which responsibility for the area of ministry is herein assigned, the agency shall select a member to bear principal responsibility for that ministry. Between sessions of the Annual Conference the CCC shall have authority to make changes in these assignments to optimize our connections to the general church.

DISCIPLINARY PROVISION

Committee on Nominations ¶607.3

Council on Finance and Administration ¶611

Commission on Equitable Compensation ¶625

Board of Church and Society ¶629

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Commission on Religion and Race ¶643

Commission on the Status and

Role of Women ¶644

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Council on Finance and Administration

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Southcentral Regional Program

Council R5.1016

Kenai Regional Program Council

R5.1016

Board of Laity R5.1017

Southcentral Regional Program

Council R5.1016

Northern Regional Program

Southcentral Regional Program

Council R5.1016

Southeast Regional Program

Council R5.1016

Professional Ministries Unit

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Administrative Unit R5.1000

Administrative Unit R5.1000

Commission on Archives and

History R5.1003

Alaska Christian Conference

Delegation R5.1001

Southcentral Regional Program

Council R5.1016

Southeast Regional Program

Council R5.1016

Kenai Regional Program Council

R5.1016

Committee on Communications

R5.1004

Council on Youth Ministry

R5.1007

Administrative Unit R5.1000

Native Ministries Committee

R5.1012

R5.0500 . . . PLENARY POWER: All standing committees, units, and councils shall have plenary power in the interim between sessions of the AUMC.

R5.0501 . . . COMPOSITION: The Committee on Nominations in forwarding nominations to the AUMC for standing committees, units, and councils shall strive for balance with regard to ethnicity, gender, and region in their membership. In

addition, to ensure the voice of youth and young adults is heard in the decision making processes of the AUMC, prior to beginning its deliberations the Committee will solicit from the pastor of each church in the conference the names of people in those categories who should be considered for service.

R5.0502 . . . TENURE: No person shall serve on any standing committee, council, or unit of the AUMC (whose members are elected by the AUMC) more than eight (8) years, consecutively, and chairpersons shall not serve more than four (4) years, consecutively, with the following exceptions:

- Service of one (1) or two (2) years to fill a vacant position on a quadrennially elected standing committee shall not be counted for the purpose of this rule.

- In the case of committees elected in other term classes, the maximum period of service shall be two (2) terms, with the provision that a one (1) year filling of a vacancy prior to the first term shall not count for the purpose of this rule.

- Exofficio members who serve by virtue of their office, including members of the CCC, shall not be affected by this rule.

R5.0503 . . . ORGANIZATION: Standing committees, units, and councils shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary except Administrative Unit, Commission on Archives and History, Conference Coordinating Council, Committee on Native American Ministries, New Ministries Committee, Council on Finance and Administration, and Outdoor Ministries Committee.

R5.0504 . . . VACANCIES: Vacancies that occur between sessions of the Annual Conference will be filled by the procedure provided in the *Book of Discipline* when such a procedure is provided, as in the case of the Board of Trustees. When a procedure is not provided in the *Book of Discipline*, then the AUMC Superintendent will recommend to the Committee on Nominations a person to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, and the Committee on Nominations shall make the selection by majority vote. The person so selected will serve until the term for which he or she was selected expires, at which time the normal election procedure will be followed.

R5.10 . . . DEFINITION AND DESCRIPTION

R5.1000 . . . ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Administrative Unit is to serve in the AUMC as the Board of Trustees (§2512), the Commission on Equitable Compensation (§625), the Board of Pensions (§639), the District Board of Church Location and Building (§2518), the AUMC Foundation Committee (§613.17), and the Rules Committee.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION... There shall be twelve (12) members, and it is recommended that one-third be clergy, one third laywomen, and one-third laymen, in accordance with the provisions of §2512.1. Among the twelve members, the AUMC Superintendent and the AUMC Treasurer shall serve as full voting members, except that if the Treasurer is a member of the paid staff of the AUMC, the Treasurer shall serve as a member without vote. The members shall elect their own officers in accordance with §2512.2, and those persons elected to be officers of the Board of Trustees shall be the officers of the Administrative Unit.

MEETINGS . . . The Administrative Unit shall meet at least two (2) times per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

To fulfill the requirements of the United Methodist Discipline and the Rules of the AUMC related to equitable compensation, property and associated matters, pensions and benefits, church location and building, and AUMC rules of order.

To oversee the management and affairs of the Alaska United Methodist Foundation, convened for that purpose as the AUMC Board of Trustees which shall also serve as the AUMC Foundation Committee.

To propose to the AUMC such amendments (if any) to the AUMC rules of order as may be necessary to keep the rules up-to-date with the practice and operation of the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The Administrative Unit shall be accountable to the AUMC and shall be linked to the Conference Coordinating Council through its chair who shall be a CCC member.

R5.1001 . . . ALASKA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE DELEGATION

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Conference is to clarify and strengthen our witness to Christ as Lord of the church and world by:

- A. Acknowledging Christ's Lordship in worship, word, and action.
- B. Attempting to apply more effectively the substance and insights of the Christian Gospel to the structures and institutions of this state, reminding all that every structure exists to serve humanity and is accountable to God.
- C. Providing means of cooperation and communication with agencies and movements which further the common purpose of the members of the Conference.
- D. Providing forums and places of communication and sharing work of the churches as a means whereby duplication of offices and efforts may be lessened.
- E. Doing together all things save those which we must in conscience and obedience do separately.
- F. Promoting the spirit of ecumenism, cultivation of inter-church fellowship in communities throughout the state, and fostering dialogue in the realm of faith and order.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . Each member ecclesiastical unit shall be entitled to five (5) representatives (executive, clergy, layman, laywoman, and youth under 21 years of age) in the Assembly plus one (1) additional person for each 1,000 confirmed or adult members or major fraction thereof. At least one-half (1/2) of the elected representatives of each member unit shall be lay persons.

There shall be an Executive Board composed of:

1. One administrator of each member ecclesiastical unit.
2. The officers of the Assembly.
3. One lay representative of each member ecclesiastical body.

Delegates of the AUMC to the ACC who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during the term of their effective appointment. Other delegates shall serve for a two-year period and shall be elected at the annual conference preceding the meeting of the ACC Assembly.

MEETINGS . . . A biennial meeting of the Assembly shall be held at a time and place set by the ACC Executive Board. The Executive Board shall meet at least semi-annually. Special sessions may be called.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties and responsibilities are such as shall enhance the purpose of the ACC. Those elected by The Alaska United Methodist Conference shall be expected to attend the biennial assembly.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The autonomy and integrity of each ecclesiastical unit will be respected at all times. A report shall be made to the annual conference of the AUMC immediately following each biennial Assembly.

R5.1002 . . . ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE (ACPC)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Annual Conference Planning Committee is to oversee the planning of the annual conference of the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The members of the ACPC shall be the Bishop of the area, the AUMC Superintendent, the AUMC Director of Connectional Ministries, the Conference Secretary, the AUMC-UMW President or representative, the AUMC-UMM President or representative, the AUMC Lay Leader, the Chair for Worship (appointed by the ACPC), and the Pastor and Lay Leader of the host church or charge. In the event that a church-related institution is host, representatives of the host agency shall be added to the committee, together with such Pastor(s) as the AUMC shall appoint.

The AUMC Superintendent shall convene the ACPC.

The ACPC shall be appointed annually.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings shall be called as needed to plan the annual conference.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The ACPC is responsible for planning the annual conference, its budget, sessions, local arrangements, and any other concerns as needed.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The ACPC is directly amenable to the AUMC and the Presiding Bishop.

R5.1003 . . . COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

PURPOSE . . . The Commission on Archives and History shall retain, share and interpret the history of The Alaska United Methodist Conference. It shall work diligently to interest the present members of the Conference and others throughout The United Methodist Church in the history of The Alaska United Methodist Conference.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . the Committee on Nominations shall nominate a Chair and five members, at least two clergy and two lay, to serve for a quadrennium. The Committee on Nominations shall nominate a conference historian and at least one and no more than two conference archivists. These persons shall serve as ex-officio members of the Commission and will be included in the total of six members of the Commission. The archivist shall be responsible for maintaining a catalogue of the location and content of all items stored for present and future use. The historian shall be available to assist local churches in planning historical observances, be available to assist the AUMC in celebrating periodic historical occasions and interpret to the conference the work and mission of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History.

MEETINGS . . . The Commission shall meet at least twice a year by teleconference. Other meetings will be scheduled as funds are available.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The Commission shall collect historical books, documents, journals, photographs, video and audio tapes containing important historical data and carry out the best means possible of preserving the historical record, both past and present, of The Alaska United Methodist Conference. It shall transmit items to the United Methodist Archives as are of general church interest.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The Commission on Archives and History shall be accountable to The Alaska United Methodist Conference and shall send a written report to the AUMC. It shall send a written report to the Conference

Coordinating Council at its annual meeting. The AUMC Superintendent shall be the staff contact.

R5.1004 . . . COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Committee on Communications is to encourage and facilitate communication within the churches and agencies of the AUMC and with the general United Methodist Church.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . A communications coordinator shall be nominated quadrennially by the Committee on Nominations. That person shall serve on the Committee on Communications with as many others as are necessary to do the work.

MEETINGS . . . The committee shall meet informally as needed.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . (see purpose)

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . Directly accountable to the AUMC through the nomination process.

R5.1005 . . . COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CON)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of CON is to select persons to place in nomination before the AUMC to fill such vacancies as there may be in the organization of the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the CON shall be nominated from the floor at the first session of the AUMC following the general conference. The members shall serve for the succeeding quadrennium. Eight (8) persons shall be elected from the nominees: four (4) clergy and four (4) lay persons. The AUMC Superintendent and the AUMC Lay Leader shall also serve on the CON.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings are held at least annually at annual conference and at such other times as may be considered necessary to do the business of the committee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . (spelled out in PURPOSE)

To nominate the Conference Lay Leader and the chairpersons of the following Conference Committees: New Ministries, Native Ministries, Outdoor Ministries, and Conference Coordinating Council. All other officers shall be elected by the committees, units, or council themselves.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The CON is directly accountable to the AUMC through its nomination of the committee from the floor.

R5.1006 . . . CONFERENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CCC)

PURPOSE . . . The CCC shall coordinate the work of the Regional Program Councils (RPC) and working units, supervising the implementation of the AUMC priority strategies and guiding the AUMC concerning ongoing strategic planning of program ministry. The CCC will also be the arena for addressing general church and conference themes and issues.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . It is recommended that the membership of the CCC should be comprised of approximately 50% laity and 50% clergy. The following are members of the CCC:

The Presiding Bishop of the Area

The AUMC Superintendent

The AUMC Director of Connectional Ministries

The AUMC Lay Leader

The Chairperson of the Conference Coordinating Council

The AUMC-UMW President or representatives
 The AUMC-UMM President or representative
 The Conference Council on Youth Ministry President or representative
 The CF&A President or elected representative
 The Professional Ministry Unit Chair or elected representative
 The Administrative Unit Chair or elected representative
 The Committee on Native American Ministries Chair or an elected representative
 The New Ministries Committee Chair or an elected representative
 The Outdoor Ministries Chair or an elected representative
 The four (4) Regional Program Council chairs or their elected representatives
 The Chairperson of the Conference Commission on Archives and History or their elected representative

Any UMC member in the AUMC who serves as a director of any UM general agency

A representative of the Board of Global Ministries (exofficio without vote)

The AUMC Treasurer (exofficio without vote unless the treasurer serves as a volunteer not hired by the AUMC)

The CCC shall elect its own leaders according to R5.0503 except for the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be elected quadrennially by the AUMC at the annual conference following the General Conference and shall be an officer of the AUMC.

MEETINGS . . . The CCC shall meet at least twice (2 times) during the conference year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . .

1. Coordinate and oversee the administrative functions necessary to ensure that the Regional Program Councils will be able to carry out the ministry of the AUMC
2. Coordinate the work of the working units and councils
3. Supervise the implementation of priority strategies
4. Guide the AUMC in ongoing strategic planning of program ministry
5. Serve as the arena for addressing, discussing, and implementing action concerning AUMC and general church issues and themes
6. Work with the Director of Connectional Ministries in implementing program ministry

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . Because the CCC membership comes from the administration, standing committees, units, and councils of the AUMC, the accountability and linkage shall be through its members and their representatives.

R5.1007 . . . CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRY (CCYM)

PURPOSE . . . To empower youth in their relationship with the Spirit of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, strengthening youth ministry in the local churches and organizations of the AUMC, and facilitating the youths' own efforts to invite others into relationship as disciples of Christ.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The recommended membership of the CCYM is two (2) youth representatives and one (1) adult regional advisor from each of the four regions of the Conference. The youth representatives shall elect a President from within their body who has full voting rights in the AUMC. In addition, CCYM regional youth representatives or designated alternates will have privilege of the floor without vote.

MEETINGS . . . It is recommended that the CCYM have an annual meeting.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties of the CCYM shall be:

To initiate and support plans and activities and projects that are of particular interest to youth.

To be an advocate for the free expression of the convictions of youth on issues vital to them.

To support and facilitate, where deemed necessary, the formation of youth caucuses.

To cooperate with the boards and agencies of the AUMC, receiving recommendations from and making recommendations to the same.

To elect and certify AUMC representatives to the Western Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Convocation and the United Methodist Youth Organization.

To receive and set the policy and criteria for its portion of the Youth Service Fund, establish the policy for YSF education, and be responsible for YSF promotion throughout the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The CCYM is linked by its President or other elected representative to the CCC. The CCYM is responsible to the CF&A for its operational budget and expenditures. The CCYM will make a yearly report of its efforts to the annual conference of the AUMC.

R5.1008 . . . CONTINUING CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The Continuing Consultation Committee monitors the relationship between the AUMC and the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the Continuing Consultation Committee is:

The Presiding Bishop of the Area

The AUMC Superintendent

Four (4) persons elected from the membership of the Joint Missionary Conference Consultation by the AUMC, including in their membership at least one (1) lay person, an ordained clergy, and a woman.

Alternates for those who cannot attend meetings will be selected by the Presiding Bishop of the Area and the AUMC Superintendent from members of the Joint Missionary Conference Consultation.

The membership of the Continuing Consultation Committee shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the AUMC each quadrennium at the meeting immediately following the General Conference. The membership from the GBGM shall include the liaison staff person to the AUMC and any other persons deemed appropriate by the General Secretary of the GBGM.

MEETINGS . . . The Continuing Consultation Committee shall meet at least once (1 time) per year. Expenses for any meeting are the responsibility of the GBGM.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties and responsibilities shall include but not be limited to:

Development of working personnel policies between GBGM and AUMC.

Development of working policies relating to land and property issues between GBGM and AUMC.

Interpretation of the 2008 Disc., ¶585 as it relates to AUMC/GBGM.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The Continuing Consultation Committee will link any appropriate policy changes to the appropriate committees. A report will be made at each annual conference of any policy changes or revisions.

R5.1009 . . . COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION (CFA)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the CFA is to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of CFA shall be:

Nine (9) persons --- five (5) lay persons and four (4) clergy. AUMC Treasurer (exofficio without vote) --- shall serve as Treasurer of the CFA.

Any member of the General Council on Finance and Administration (exofficio with vote providing their membership is not in conflict with any other provision of the Book of Discipline, in which case it shall be without vote). GCFA members cannot serve on an agency receiving funding from the CFA.

The Presiding Bishop of the Area (exofficio without vote)

The AUMC Superintendent (exofficio without vote)

The Director of Connectional Ministries (exofficio without vote)

The CFA shall elect its own leaders according to R5.0503.

MEETINGS . . . The CFA shall meet at least two times per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . .

To fulfill the duties and responsibilities as required in *The Book of Discipline*, 2008, ¶¶613-618 and the AUMC Rules.

To develop, maintain, and administer fiscal and administrative policies and procedures for the AUMC.

To cooperate with the Administrative Unit in providing management services for the AUMC.

To provide for and administer the financial developments of the AUMC in cooperation with the Administrative Unit.

To develop and manage the yearly budget of the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The CFA President is a member of the CCC.

R5.1010 . . . COURTESY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The Courtesy Committee provides acts and/or tokens of courtesy and appreciation at the AUMC annual conference.

MEMBERSHIP . . . The Presiding Bishop of the Area shall appoint one (1) clergy and one (1) lay person to be the Courtesy Committee for the quadrennium.

MEETINGS . . . The Courtesy Committee shall meet in consultation with the AUMC Superintendent and/or Director of Connectional Ministries before the annual conference and as needed during the annual conference.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To make a public presentation of gratitude for persons and/or groups who have assisted in the annual conference experience or in the life of the AUMC.

To present an itemized list of expenses to the Annual Conference Planning Committee at the conclusion of their work.

To request a special solicitation of funds from the AUMC members to cover specific expenses before they are incurred (i.e. gifts).

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The Courtesy Committee is accountable to the AUMC through the AUMC Superintendent.

R5.1011 . . . JOINT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE CONSULTATION

PURPOSE . . . The Joint Missionary Conference Consultation serves as a link between all of the Missionary Conferences and the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership shall be:

The Presiding Bishop of the Area

The AUMC Superintendent

President, United Methodist Women

Lay Leader, Alaska United Methodist Conference

A group of six (6) additional persons whose recommended composition shall be at least two (2) clergy, two (2) lay persons, and two (2) women nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the AUMC each quadrennium at the annual conference immediately following General Conference.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings of the Joint Missionary Conference Consultation are called at the discretion of the GBGM. The GBGM pays the expenses of meetings.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The Joint Missionary Conference Consultation is responsible for coordination of issues pertaining to Missionary Conferences and/or any necessary General Conference legislation that is pending.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . A report shall be made to the AUMC at its annual conference next following any meetings of the committee.

R5.1012 . . . COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES (CONAM)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) is to be in ministry with Native American People, with an emphasis on Alaska's native peoples, to celebrate the enrichment Alaskans share as we worship and minister together, and to maintain connectional relationships.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of CONAM shall be as selected by the Native Elders of the AUMC. It is recommended that representation be sought from each of the four program regions of the AUMC.

CONAM shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The Duties of CONAM shall be:

To raise the consciousness of Alaska United Methodists concerning the problems of racism in Alaska and in the world.

To encourage all Alaskan United Methodists to become more aware of its historic relationship to Alaska's Native peoples and their culture.

To encourage and assist the developments of ministry and church extension projects to, for, and with Alaska's Native peoples.

To assist in the implementation of the priority strategy of Native Ministry.

To solicit funds for Native Ministries through the Advanced Special giving channels of the church and especially through the Native American Awareness Sunday Offering (last Sunday in April or other appropriate Sunday).

To administer 50% of the portion of the Native American Awareness Sunday offering that remains in Alaska.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The CONAM Chair or designated representative shall be a member of the CCC. Fifty percent (50%) of the portion of the Native American Awareness Sunday offering that remains in Alaska shall be used for Native Ministries work.

R5.1013 . . . NEW MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The New Ministries Committee shall plan and coordinate new church development and church extension activities within the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the New Ministries Committee shall be at least the following with others as elected on nomination by the Committee on Nominations:

Four (4) lay persons

Four (4) clergy

AMC VIM Coordinator

Church and Community Workers Serving within the bounds of the AUMC

The New Ministries Committee shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference..

MEETINGS. . . The New Ministries Committee shall meet at least twice (2 times) per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . At the direction of the Presiding Bishop and the AUMC, the New Ministries Committee shall:

Administer all church extension funds of the AUMC, including planning and coordinating all church extension activities, soliciting funds for church extension through Advance Special giving, publicizing church extension activities, and assisting missionaries on itineration.

Assist in the implementation of the priority strategy of new church development.

To actively promote the development of new ministries within the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The New Ministries Committee shall work at the direction of the Presiding Bishop. It shall be accountable to the AUMC for its efforts in implementing the strategy for New Church Development. The Chair or a designated representative of the Committee shall serve on the CCC.

R5.1014 . . . CONFERENCE OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Conference Outdoor Ministries Committee is to enable and implement successful off-site and on-site camping and retreat ministries and to do so by providing general coordination in the form of guidance, training, funding, organization, and networking.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The committee will consist of at least eight (8) members with vote, four (4) laity and four (4) clergy, plus at least one representative each from the Birchwood Camp Committee, Southeast Camp Committee, and Hope Retreat Center. The representatives from the camps will serve with voice but not vote.

Each committee will select its representative and the Committee on Nominations will select the others seeking regional balance, to be elected at the annual conference.

The chairperson will be nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations, elected at annual conference and be a voting member of the Conference Coordinating Council.

The committee will meet at least once a year.

R5.1015 . . . PROFESSIONAL MINISTRIES UNIT (PMU)

PURPOSE . . . The Professional Ministries Unit oversees and reviews all matters pertaining to the professional ministry of the AUMC (ordained and diaconal).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the Professional Ministries Unit should be:

Five (5) members nominated by the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Chair of the Professional Ministries Unit:

- three (3) ordained clergy
- one (1) diaconal minister
- one (1) lay person

Five (5) members nominated by the AUMC Committee on Nominations:

- two (2) ordained clergy
- three (3) lay persons

The Chair of PMU shall be nominated by the bishop and elected by PMU at its first session following the close of the annual conference following the regular session of General Conference.

It is suggested that consideration be given to having at least one (1) member be a clergy under special appointment (e.g., institutional chaplain, agency director, or staff person).

Lay persons shall be full participants in the work of the Professional Ministry Unit except in cases governed by provisions of the United Methodist Discipline (**Disc., 2008, ¶¶33 & 635**).

The AUMC representatives to the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy shall serve exofficio.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To perform the functions of the Committee on Episcopacy as outlined in the United Methodist Discipline (**Disc., 2008, ¶637**).

To administer the continuing education funds for ordained clergy and diaconal ministry.

To act as the Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry thus providing a means of accountability for local campus ministries (¶634), as the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (¶635) in a limited role, since the AUMC does not have members, other than affiliate members, who are ordained, and as the District Committee on Ordained Ministry (¶665) to care for responsibilities for candidates for licensed and ordained ministry (¶310-314) as well as for licensing of local pastors (¶315-320), who are clergy members of the AUMC when approved by the AUMC in executive session (¶315) and appointed and licensed by the bishop (¶316).

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The Professional Ministry Unit shall be accountable to the Presiding Bishop and to the AUMC through its membership on the CCC.

R5.1016 . . . REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCILS (RPC)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the RPCs is to coordinate and enhance the effectiveness of programming in the churches of the four regions of the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The recommended membership of each RPC is:

The Pastor and lay member to AUMC from each church in the region.

Other ordained clergy as defined in R2.000.

Local pastors from local churches.

Active diaconal minister.

Campus ministers within the region.

A United Methodist Woman representative.

Three (3) at-large members elected from the region at the first RPC meeting of the quadrennium, the recommended persons being a youth (age 13-18), a young adult (age 18-30), and an ethnic minority person.

The Presiding Bishop (Exofficio without vote)

The AUMC Superintendent (Exofficio without vote)

Council Director (Exofficio without vote)

The definition of each region is:

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Aldersgate-Juneau

Douglas

Ketchikan

Northern Light-Juneau

Sitka

3 Members at Large

NORTHERN REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Fairbanks-First

New Hope United Church-North Pole

Nome Community

Willow

United Campus Ministry-Fairbanks

Christ First of Wasilla and Palmer

Unalaska

3 Members at large

SOUTHCENTRAL REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Anchorage-Anchorage Park

Anchorage-East

Anchorage-First

Anchorage-First Samoan

Anchorage-Jewel Lake

Anchorage-Korean

Anchorage-St. John

Anchorage-Turnagain

Chugiak

Girdwood

University Community Ministry-Anchorage

Alaska Children's Services

Birchwood Camp

3 Members at Large and Native Ministry

KENAI PENINSULA REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Homer

Kenai

Moose Pass
 Ninilchik
 North Star
 Seward
 Soldotna
 3 Members at Large

Each RPC shall elect its own officers to serve for a four- (4-) year term, and it is recommended that the chair be alternating clergy and laity from quadrennium to quadrennium. The election of officers should take place at the first meeting following the charge conferences which follow the regular meeting of the General Conference, and officers so elected shall serve until they are replaced by a subsequent election. The chair is the linking person for the region to the CCC and serves as a member of the CCC. If a vacancy occurs in the seat of any officer of an RPC during the quadrennium, then that RPC shall elect a member to fill out the unexpired term.

MEETINGS . . . It is recommended that each RPC meet a minimum of three (3) times a year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Coordinate and implement Conference programming as determined by the CCC.
2. Explore ministries and programs that can be developed better at a regional level as opposed to a local church level.
3. Provide input to the CCC for the development of Conference-wide programs and priorities.
4. Where possible, provide the linkage of youth within the region.
5. Sharing models for ministry from local churches so that "what works" might be duplicated in other churches.
6. Explore "new ministries" within the region by working with the CCC and the New Ministries Committee.
7. Develop regional mission emphasis—such as VIM, local mission, Missionary support, etc.
8. Recommend to the CCC each year a missional priority for the AUMC for consideration at the annual conference.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . Each RPC is linked by its chair to the CCC. Each RPC is responsible to the CF&A for its operating budget and expenditures. Each RPC will make a yearly report of its efforts to the annual conference of the AUMC.

R5.1017...BOARD OF LAITY

PURPOSE...The purpose of the AUMC Board of Laity shall be to provide ministries to the laity of the conference as defined in ¶631 of the *Book of Discipline*.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION...The board will consist of the AUMC Lay Leader, the Presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men, the most recently elected lay delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference, the AUMC Coordinator of Lay Speaking Ministries, and one lay representative elected by each of the four regional program councils, which representative may be a member of the electing program council. The AUMC Lay Leader will chair the board, which will meet, either in person or electronically, at the call of the AUMC Lay Leader.

DIVISION 6 . . . PROCEDURES

R6.00 . . . SESSIONS: The hours of convening and adjourning the annual conference shall be fixed by the Annual Conference Planning Committee. A printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the annual conference at the time of the organizing meeting.

R6.04...DEBATE: Debate shall be governed by the rules of the most recent General Conference, except no member addressing the conference shall be limited to a specific length of speaking time unless such time limit be established by majority vote of the AUMC. If a motion to limit speaking time does not specify to which portion of the meeting of the AUMC it applies, then the limitation will apply only until the recess or adjournment which follows the adoption of the motion. When the rules of General Conference do not govern any situation of debate, *Robert's Rules of Order* will apply.

R6.05 RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS, AND PETITIONS

R6.0500 SUBMISSION: All resolutions, petitions, and motions (except procedural motions) introduced by a member of the AUMC, or by anyone authorized to submit such to the AUMC, shall be submitted in written form to the AUMC Secretary. Resolutions, petitions, and motions may be withdrawn by the mover at any time prior to amendment or adoption.

R6.0501 AUTHORIZATION TO PETITION: Any AUMC member, local congregation member, local congregation, organization or agency of the AUMC may present petitions to the AUMC for consideration by the AUMC at its annual conference.

R6.0502 DUE DATE: Petitions must be submitted to the AUMC office not less than six (6) weeks prior to the convening of the annual conference. Petitions submitted after the due date cannot be considered without the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

R6.0503 PROCEDURE: Petitions submitted by AUMC commissions, committees, units, councils, boards, and agencies will be considered on the floor of the AUMC without referral. Petitions submitted by all others may, at the discretion of the presiding officer, be submitted to one or more Legislative Committees to be made up of members of the AUMC as directed by the Secretary.

R6.0504 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES: Petitions referred to a Legislative Committee by the presiding officer shall be considered by the committee, and the committee shall vote concurrence or non-concurrence. A vote to concur is a vote to present the petition to the entire AUMC for consideration and action. A vote of non-concurrence means the petition cannot be presented to a plenary session of the AUMC unless at least twenty five percent (25%) of the members present and voting approve its introduction.

R6.0505 FORM AND CONTENT: The AUMC Secretary, at the Secretary's discretion, shall prepare and distribute throughout the AUMC a suggested form that may be used for the submission of petitions to the AUMC. While a petitioner is not bound to submit petitions on the form provided, the petition should provide information as requested on the form. In addition to providing the petition in printed form, petitioners are strongly encouraged to submit petitions on electronic media as prescribed by the Secretary. If the printed form of the petition exceeds three pages, the petitioner shall bear responsibility for its reproduction and distribution.

R6.15 EPISCOPAL NOMINATIONS

R6.1500 SUBMISSION: Any United Methodist elder otherwise qualified according to the Book of Discipline for election to be a United Methodist bishop may be proposed for nomination to The Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC). For consideration on the floor of the AUMC the nomination must be submitted in writing, supported by the signatures of not fewer than three members of the AUMC.

R6.1501 DUE DATE: The due date for submission of nomination proposals shall be no less than six (6) weeks prior to the convening of the annual conference. Proposals for nomination submitted after the due date cannot be considered without the concurrence of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

R6.1502 DISTRIBUTION: Nomination proposals properly submitted and in timely fashion will be printed in the Pre-Annual Meeting Handbook of the AUMC.

R6.1503 FORMAT: The proposed nomination must contain all the following elements:

1. A recently taken photograph, measuring at least 2 inches by 2 inches, of the candidate.
2. A biography of the candidate, to include the candidate's current Annual Conference membership status and prior professional service.
3. A statement of the candidate's qualifications.
4. The combination of biography and statement of qualifications is not to exceed 500 words
5. Requirements 1 through 4 may be waived by the Secretary with the submission of a document supporting the nomination of the candidate that has been approved and submitted in another conference, annual or jurisdictional, of the Western Jurisdiction.

R6.1504 NOMINATION: Debate will be permitted at the discretion of the presiding officer under the AUMC rules for debate, and a vote will be taken by written ballot, which will be prepared and counted by the Secretary or by the Secretary's designated assistants. The vote count will be announced. Nomination of the candidate by the AUMC requires the concurrence of a majority of the members present and voting.

R6.17 CANDIDACY FOR GENERAL & JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

R6.1700 SUBMISSION: Any person eligible for election to be an AUMC delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference as provided in ¶¶34-36 of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* may declare her(him)self to be a candidate. For an election year as provided in ¶502.4 of the *Book of Discipline* any candidate may submit to the AUMC Secretary a Statement of Candidacy.

R6.1701 DUE DATE: The due date for submission of a Statement of Candidacy shall be no less than six (6) weeks prior to the convening of the annual conference at which elections are to be held.

R6.1702 DISTRIBUTION: A Statement of Candidacy properly submitted and received on or before the due date will be printed in the Pre-Annual Meeting Handbook of the AUMC.

R6.1703 FORMAT: A Statement of Candidacy shall include a statement of the candidate's qualifications. The Statement of Candidacy shall not exceed 500 words.

R6.1704 ELECTION: The method of election shall be as determined by the presiding officer.

R6.18...GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION: Delegates to the General Conference and the Western Jurisdictional Conference shall be elected and seated as provided in the *Book of Discipline*, and together the delegates so elected, along with alternates, shall be called The Alaska United Methodist Conference Delegation. The AUMC Delegation shall choose a chairperson from among the delegates to General Conference, giving due attention to the custom observed throughout The UMC of alternating from one quadrennium to the next between lay and clergy leadership. Unless otherwise provided in the rules of General Conference or of the Western Jurisdictional Conference the Delegation shall choose its representatives to any General Conference and Western Jurisdictional Conference bodies on which it is entitled to representation, giving due attention to the custom in the AUMC that the delegates to General Conference serve on the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy and the delegates to the Western Jurisdictional Conference serve on the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Nominations. The Delegation is encouraged to give priority attention to the provision in the rules of General Conference which permit a member of the Delegation to be present with voice on any Legislative Committee when a matter of concern to the constituents of the Delegation is being considered.

R.6.20 . . . OFFERINGS: The annual conference communion offering and offerings to defray annual conference expenses are automatically approved. Offerings of any other nature cannot be taken without the approval of the ACPC.

R6.21...GIFT RECEIPT POLICY

Gifts to the Alaska United Methodist Conference will be handled according to the following procedure:

Gifts of Property Other Than Cash

- Reviewed by the Board of Trustees for conformance to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church and other policies of The UMC and of the Alaska Conference.
- Full appropriate attention will be given to the liquidity of the gift.
- Stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities may, in general, be considered as essentially cash, since the Alaska Conference will not be required to hold any such gift for any extended period of time.
- If the gifts are found to conform to those principles and policies, they will be received by the Board.
- Stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities received as gifts may be liquidated at the discretion of the Board.
- A recommendation for the use and/or disposition of other kinds of property received as gifts will be made by the Board to the Alaska Conference upon consultation with the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCF&A) and the Conference Coordinating Council (CCC).
- In situations where alternatives are limited and exigency demands, disposition and liquidation may occur under the provisions of ¶2515 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*.

- When this type property has been liquidated (converted to cash), the money will be treated thereafter as a gift of cash.

Gifts of Cash

- The receipt of restricted cash gifts wherein the donor has designated the gift to be used for purposes other than established funds and campaigns within the Alaska Conference is subject to the approval of CCF&A.
- Undesignated gifts of cash to the Alaska Conference and designated gifts of cash to previously approved funds and campaigns will be received by the Treasurer acting under the direction of CCF&A.
- If the gift had been anticipated and included within the budget of the Alaska Conference, the funds will be handled as determined by action of the Conference.
- If the gift had not been included within a previous budget of the Conference, then the CCC will develop a process to create a plan for the disposition of the gift in the next budget to be proposed to the Conference.

Gifts to the Foundation

- Gifts to the Alaska United Methodist Conference Foundation will be handled according to the policies of the Foundation as approved by the Alaska Conference.

R6.25 . . . LITURGICAL MATERIALS: All liturgical materials prepared for use in worship at annual conference or other AUMC sponsored events shall be inclusive in their imagery, language, and participation.

R6.30 . . . REPORTS

R6.3000 . . . STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Pastors shall submit the statistical report to the Conference Statistician and the financial report to the Conference Treasurer as requested by these officers.

R6.3001 . . . PRE-ANNUAL MEETING REPORT: Reports that are to be printed in the Pre-Annual Meeting Handbook of the AUMC shall be submitted to the Conference office by April 15th preceding the annual conference.

R6.35 . . . FISCAL MATTERS

R6.3500 . . . FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year for the AUMC shall be the calendar year (January 1-December 31.)

R6.3501 . . . CLOSING: CF&A shall set the date yearly for the closing of the financial records of the AUMC, and all remittances must be received and are due by the established date in order for the church to receive credit for the fiscal year.

R6.3502 . . . JULY SALARY: The July salary shall be paid to the pastor by the local church to which the pastor is appointed at the annual conference.

R6.40 . . . APPORTIONMENTS: Apportionment requests upon the charge or pastor shall first be referred to the CF&A. No apportionments shall be made until the CF&A has made its report. If the report is negative, a two-third (2/3's) majority vote

of the members of AUMC shall be required to reverse the recommendation of the CF&A.

R6.45 . . . BUDGETARY CHANGES: Changes in the budget as proposed by CF&A or as adopted by the AUMC may be proposed on the motion of any member of the AUMC. If the proposed change is greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), then the motion must be distributed in writing to the members of the AUMC in attendance at the session at which the motion is made at least eight (8) hours prior to any action on the motion. In addition any change proposed in an expense category which results in an increase or decrease in total expense must be accompanied by a commensurate change in expected income to maintain the balance of the budget.

R6.50 . . . RULES: . . . The AUMC shall be governed by the following bodies of law in descending order of priority: the *Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church; the Rules of the AUMC; and the Rules of the most recent General Conference of The UMC. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern all questions of procedure when none of the foregoing applies.

R6.5000 . . . RULES CHANGES: . . . Rules changes may occur in any of the following ways:

By recommendation from any Conference Standing Committee, Council, Unit, or Regional council.

From the Presiding Bishop and/or AUMC Superintendent.

Over the signature of three (3) members of the AUMC.

By individual members of the AUMC who may submit proposals for rules changes to the Administrative Unit for consideration with the understanding that the Administrative Unit is not bound to report the proposed change to the floor for annual conference.

The rules of the AUMC may be amended or suspended on the first day of annual conference by a majority vote. At all other times amendments or suspension of the rules requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

R6.55 . . . JOURNAL

R6.5500 . . . OFFICIAL MINUTES: . . . The record of daily proceedings of the annual conference of the AUMC as signed by the Presiding Bishop and the Secretary of the AUMC shall be considered to be the official minutes of the annual conference.

R6.5501 . . . AUMC JOURNAL: . . . The daily proceedings together with such supporting documents as are deemed helpful and necessary shall be published yearly as the AUMC journal. The Conference Secretary, in consultation with the Conference Superintendent, shall determine what additional material shall be included in the Journal that is not covered by Disciplinary requirements.

R6.5502 . . . DEADLINE: . . . All material to be published in the Journal shall be submitted to the Secretary of the AUMC by midnight of the adjournment day unless other arrangements are made with the Secretary.

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XIII. QUALIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

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**A. Qualifications for Advance Special Salary
Support/Covenant Relationships**

Those missionaries who qualify for salary support through the Advance shall:

1. Serve local churches with less than 200 members.
2. Serve local churches with budgets less than \$150,000 raised locally excluding debt retirement. (For locations which qualify for COLA by Equitable Salary standards, the maximum shall be \$150,000 plus the COLA.)
3. Serve local churches which are able to maintain a parsonage or housing allowance.
4. Receive a salary not more than 10% above the minimum cash base salary (before COLA and years of experience are added) established by the Equitable Compensation Guidelines set at the Annual Meeting. (Exceptions to this shall be the first five years of a new ministry and Native Ministries and crisis situations).
5. Be recommended by the Equitable Compensation Committee for approval by the Administrative Unit and the Conference Superintendent.

B. Guidelines for Parsonage Standards

Property Ownership: If a parsonage is provided, it should be owned by the local charge or a Board of Trustees of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Also, flexibility should be allowed so that a pastor and congregation can work out an arrangement whereby a housing allowance is provided in lieu of a parsonage.

The House: At least four bedrooms; a basement with exit where possible; house plan should be flexible to allow for differing size families; family room, at least two full bathrooms; adequate storage; large living room; adequate weather stripping and insulation; screens on windows that open; double garage, not necessarily heated; dining area suitable for family and entertaining; sit-down eating space in the kitchen; a wood stove would be a desirable feature. New parsonages should be handicap accessible.

Location: Preferable within walking distance of the church building, but not more than three miles away.

Furnishings: Household personal items should be provided by the parsonage family. Heavy furniture and major appliances in good working order should be provided by the church including: beds, tables, chairs, sofa, freezer, washer and dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, disposal, chests and dressers, drapes, floor coverings, lawn mower where needed, fire extinguisher, smoke alarms. Painting (in and out), carpet deep cleaning, should be scheduled on a four-year basis or change of pastor.

Appliances and Furnishings Allowance: Each parsonage family shall have available to them \$1000 each appointive year to be used at the discretion of pastor and parsonage committee for appliances and furnishings as listed above. In the first year of appointment, this amount shall be available at the time of arrival of the parsonage family where possible. The Trustees shall keep a record of the date of purchase and repair of all appliances, including the heating system, and of all painting and decorating, inside and out. The Superintendent shall ask for the Parsonage Report at the annual Charge Conference meeting.

Garage and Grounds: If possible, a garage shall be provided with adequate lights and electrical outlets and sufficient space for gardening and lawn equipment, bicycles, etc. This should be provided with easy to operate door. Any damage to the parsonage or grounds caused by any household pet shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the parsonage occupants. Excessive damage, beyond normal wear, to the parsonage caused by the parsonage family shall be repaired, replaced, or paid for by the pastor.

Maintenance Fund: A revolving fund of \$1000 shall be available for maintenance repairs and upkeep as authorized by the trustees. For most churches, this should be a trust account drawn on when needed, not necessarily budgeted in full every year.

Insurance: Replacement value of the parsonage should be the guide for insurance coverage. Insurance on the pastor's personal items should be provided by the pastor.

Parsonage Committee: The PPR Chair, the Trustee Chair, the Pastor and family shall meet at least once annually to review parsonage needs and existing conditions.

Utilities: Full cost of utilities are to be provided for each parsonage, when the pastor lives in the parsonage.

An Encouragement to All: We recognize that comfortable surroundings in the home contribute to the happiness, health, and effectiveness of the parsonage family and the pastor in their work for the whole church. We encourage that each parish will do its very best in providing such a home.

C. Guidelines for Dealing with the Abuse of Power and Authority of the Clergy Office in Areas Relating to Clergy Sexual Misconduct

(This document is not intended to supersede nor misconstrue the Discipline of the United Methodist Church or Alaska State Law, both of which do clearly supersede anything herein.)

The pastoral office is a position of great trust and responsibility and can be a position of significant authority and power over others. We would like to believe that no ordained clergy person would violate the trust and power of the office for sexual gratification. Yet the experience of the church is that it does happen. Persons in pastoral roles may violate the trust given them in many ways, but these guidelines deal specifically with the abuse of the power of the pastoral office by those who engage in sexual misconduct, and in particular in those cases where there are persons who are, or perceive themselves to be, victims of this misconduct. It is recognized that clergy persons are also vulnerable human beings and can themselves be the victims in cases of sexual misconduct. In any case, the whole church must always be concerned for both the legal and spiritual care of the pastor. Still, history indicates that concern for those victimized by inappropriate clergy conduct has often been inadequate. The primary purpose of these guidelines is to provide justice and care for such persons.

For the purpose of this paper, clergy sexual misconduct shall be defined as "Unethical sexual activity, a form of sexual abuse by clergy persons." This includes sexual abuse of children and youth, affairs with counselees, infidelity, promiscuity (e.g. repeated sexual advances or actions), sexual harassment, and other inappropriate behavior. Such activity breaks the sacred trust inherent in our ordination. These guidelines are for clergy appointed to the Alaska Missionary Conference.

a. Theological Reflections

One of the on-going tasks of Christian community is to understand our life theologically. This is as true in matters of human sexuality, its potential for expressing love and commitment to God, the other person and oneself, and its potential for abuse, as anywhere else.

We affirm that:

1. God creates persons in the Divine image, male and female.
2. Women and men are equal in the eyes of God.
3. The human body is good, a special part of the divine creation. It is the temple in which the Holy Spirit dwells and a place where the Word is made flesh.
4. Human sexuality is an integral part of our humanity. While profoundly personal, it has social dimensions as well. Its physical, emotional, and spiritual expression in relation to others ought to be based on a loving commitment and accountability to God, the other person, and oneself.
5. God calls persons to wholeness through Jesus Christ and to participation in the Body of Christ, the community of faith whose central quality is redemptive love.
6. The whole church receives and accepts the call of God to embody and carry forth Christ's ministry in the world. Ordination originates in God's will and purpose for the church. There

are persons within the church community whose gifts, graces, and promise of future usefulness are observable to the community, who respond to God's call and offer themselves in leadership as ordained ministers. (Par. 402, 1988 Discipline) In this role, persons are entrusted with responsibility to care for those they serve and not to misuse this role to the detriment of any.

7. Violation of the pastoral office by inappropriate sexual conduct is a sin against God the victim(s), oneself and the redemptive community.

This violation:

- causes potentially serious psychological, spiritual, and emotional harm to the victim(s);
- reveals the brokenness of the perpetrator;
- betrays Christ and the pastoral office in that it abuses the power and authority of ministry by changing it from healing and redemption to exploitation and gratification, and tarnishes the symbol of Christ as healer and Savior; and
- rends the local parish as the whole body of Christ in ways which require special efforts for healing the deep wounds.

8. Because of God's grace and forgiveness, healing can occur for the victim(s), the offender, and the community.

These affirmations which have grown out of our life together within the covenant community are also reflected in the following statements from the 1992 Discipline (Par. 431).

It is to be expected that ordained persons shall:

- Nurture and cultivate spiritual disciplines and patterns of holiness...
- Be committed to and engage in leading the ministry of the whole church in loving service to humankind...
- For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of his/her influence as a minister, be willing to make a complete dedication of himself/herself to the highest ideals of Christian life; and to this end, agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God.
- Be persons in whom the community can place trust and confidence...
- Be accountable to the United Methodist Church, accept its Discipline and authority, abide by the demands of the special relationship of its ordained ministers, and be faithful to their vows as ordained ministers of the church of God.

Any breach of professional ethics is a misuse of the trust which traditionally has been given to the office. Furthermore, sexual misconduct involving the misuse of the authority of the clerical office, often leaves the victim with the burden of guilt, anger, betrayal, and rejection. Often the victim bears the burden of proof before appropriate action can be taken. Any such sexual misconduct in the context of the clergy/lay relationship shall be seen as an offense by the clergy person who then bears the responsibility for victim restitution and faces disciplinary action. This is particularly significant in clergy/lay relationships because of the power dynamics involved.

Clergy persons involved in any form of sexual misconduct have breached their ordination vows. Christian, professional, and legal standards inform clergy behavior. For instance, professional standards of counseling prohibit any sexual contact with counselees. When a clergy person uses the influence of his/her role and engages in sexual misconduct, it is an irresponsible and unethical act which takes advantage of the vulnerability of another. Clergy have a responsibility not to take advantage of persons in this way and not to engage in sexual activity with them.

These guidelines refer to clergy sexual misconduct. In the event the alleged offender is the Superintendent, then "the Bishop" shall be substituted for "the Superintendent" in all such cases.

b. Procedures for Misconduct with Children and Youth

1. Sexual activity with children and youth is a chargeable offense under Para. 2623, Discipline. In the event an allegation of such activity is made against any person in an office listed in Para. 2623(1), Discipline. the person to whom the allegation is made shall immediately report the allegation to the appropriate public or police agency as required by law. Charges may be brought and an investigation and other appropriate action shall proceed according to Paragraphs 2622-2627, Discipline, without regard to any criminal charges that may be initiated by civil authorities.

2. Sexual activity with children and youth is a crime under state law. In the event a clergy person is arrested, charged by information, or indicted for a crime involving any sexual offense, that person shall also be charged under Para. 2623, Discipline. and appropriate action taken under Paragraphs 2622-2627, Discipline. If the criminal charges are dismissed or the person is found to be not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of the criminal charge, the Superintendent shall continue the proceedings under Paragraphs 2622-2627, Discipline, and make a determination whether a preponderance of the evidence shows that, even though the person may not have been legally culpable, the level of impropriety is sufficient to constitute a chargeable offense under Par. 2623. If the person is found guilty of the criminal offense, then the Superintendent shall initiate the process of expulsion from the pastoral ministry.

c. Procedures for Misconduct with Adults

When sexual misconduct is alleged, it shall be brought to the attention of those in authority, and the following procedures shall be followed: (§362 of the Discipline describes the grievance procedures.)

1. Allegations of sexual misconduct shall be made to the Superintendent in the form of a complaint. A complaint may be brought only by the person claiming to have been personally offended by the conduct, or by a person with first-hand knowledge of the conduct. Although a complaint may be brought verbally, the Superintendent may not respond to the complaint unless the complainant signs a document which clearly states the allegations which describe the offensive conduct. The Superintendent or any other person may assist the complainant in the preparation of the written complaint. If the complainant is unwilling to put the complaint in writing, the Superintendent shall inform the complainant that the verbal allegations will not be investigated and the grievances will not be redressed.

2. The complainant shall be encouraged to bring a support person to any meeting or hearing at any point in the process. Any meeting between the complainant and the alleged offender shall take place in a neutral location.

3. The Conference Superintendent shall promptly:

a). Meet again with the complainant in the presence of an ordained elder who is a member of the Professional Ministries Unit and/or the Bishop. At this meeting the complainant should be assured that the allegations are being taken very seriously by the Conference. The complainant shall be asked to verify the complaint with the words, "I declare under penalty of perjury that the allegations contained in this complaint are true."

b). Determine if there is probable cause to proceed with the investigation of the complaint. If the complainant refuses to put the allegations in writing or to sign or verify the complaint, the Superintendent may not respond to the complaint.

c). With the complainant's knowledge, meet in person with the respondent, i.e., the person to whom this procedure is being applied, provide the respondent with a copy of the complaint, and informally discuss the allegations with the respondent.

d). Meet formally with both parties (i.e., the complainant and the respondent), the Bishop of the Alaska Missionary Conference, and clergy member of the Professional Ministries Unit. Not less than 20 days prior to the date of this formal conference both parties shall be informed that they may have one person at the conference with them who has the right of advocacy, and that the conference will be recorded.

e). After the formal conference the Bishop, Superintendent, and clergy member of the Professional Ministries Unit shall confer, make a determination as to the truth of the allegations, and issue written findings as to their determination.

(1) If they find that the allegations are insubstantial (i.e., where the harm alleged is of little or no substance) or false, the respondent may choose to have the entire record of the proceeding expunged from his/her personnel record, or the respondent may choose an appropriate statement of the exoneration included in the record.

(2) If they find that there is probable cause to bring charges and convene a Committee on Investigation under ¶2703 (1), (3), or (4), notice of the finding shall be provided to the chair of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) of the local church served by the respondent or other appropriate supervisor, the Bishop of the Respondent's home Annual Conference, and the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries.

4. In the AMC, responsibility shall be assumed by the following:

a.) Colleagues in the ministry:

(1.) Clergy colleagues hold a special covenant of mutual responsibility. When a pastor has knowledge of a colleague's sexual misconduct, the appropriate steps of intervention should be taken. This shall mean reporting alleged sexual misconduct to the Conference Superintendent. (Or in cases of alleged sexual misconduct against the Conference Superintendent, the Bishop.)

(2.) Where a colleague has been involved in sexual misconduct, and the case is being or has been resolved, the other members in the covenant must search for ways to and actively practice the reconciliation.

(3.) Cases of sexual misconduct will be kept in strictest confidentiality within the specifically designated group and persons charged with the responsibility for bringing justice and reconciliation. All clergy should actively prevent and discourage gossip, especially among clergy peers.

(4.) In cases where the situation has proceeded to Step 3.e.2 above, depending upon the seriousness of the complaint, the Bishop and Superintendent may choose to remove the accused clergy person from his/her ministerial duties. When a clergy person is removed from his/her ministerial duties due to sexual misconduct, a report shall be made by the Bishop or Conference Superintendent at the next clergy session to inform the clergy of the actions taken. In such cases, as colleagues in ministry, other clergy will covenant to honor this decision and refrain from inviting that person to perform ministerial duties in our churches and institutions.

(5.) The accused clergy person will have assigned to him/her a trained support person to be in ministry with them, and will receive regular informational contact with the Conference Superintendent.

b.) The Local Church or other Hiring Bodies:

(1.) Local Pastor Parish Committees will be informed of the policies dealing with clergy sexual misconduct.

(2.) Matters of clergy sexual misconduct must be dealt with in strictest confidentiality in local churches.

(3.) The PPRC with the Conference Superintendent (or in cases of alleged sexual misconduct against the Conference Superintendent, the Bishop) shall assist in the reconciliation process of the persons affected and help the victim(s) find healing within the context of church community.

(4.) The Conference Superintendent (or in cases of alleged sexual misconduct against the Conference Superintendent, the Bishop) shall help the PPRC define its role in responding to a spouse.

(5.) The PPRC may secure one of the lay observers from the PMU or another lay person to help find resources within the church and larger community for a spouse of the offending clergy person.

(6.) In cases where clergy sexual misconduct has been substantiated and persons remain active clergy in the AMC, full information of sexual misconduct and subsequent actions taken shall be kept in the clergy person's permanent record in the Conference Office. Such information shall be shared with present and future Pastor-Parish Relation Committees, and when clergy return to their home annual conferences, documentation of clergy sexual misconduct will be included in the files sent to the home conference. This material may be sent to the PPRCs of previous appointments at the discretion of the Bishop and the Superintendent.

(7.) Where sexual misconduct has become a public issue, the Conference Superintendent and the Professional Ministries Unit need to join with the PPRC to provide emotional, liturgical and institutional means of healing.

d. Concluding Statement

The procedures outlined in this position paper are limited to addressing inappropriate sexual conduct of those clergy persons whose actions have been reported. The best solution to the problems caused by clergy sexual misconduct is the self-discipline of each clergy person. Such self-discipline takes the Christian standards and ordination vows seriously.

Personal integrity and mature and professionally responsible conduct must be brought to all relationships by every clergy person in the Conference. When relational and sexual difficulties are present in a pastor's personal and/or professional life, counseling is appropriate and should be sought.

By the very nature of the disciplinary procedures outlined in this paper, the concept of a single "victim" is too limiting. When sexual misconduct occurs, there are many victims. The spouse and families of the persons who are involved in illicit sexual liaisons are victims. Congregations who must live with the interpersonal and the community impact of inappropriate sexual behavior are victims. The offender/victimizer is in one sense a "victim" of his or her own deeply troubled personality. Pastors who are not responsible for the misconduct find themselves living with the consequences arising from the misconduct of a brother or sister. When friends in the ministry are caught in the web of sexual misconduct, there is a tension between caring for a personal friend involved in questionable sexual liaisons and caring for the health and authenticity of the ordained ministry. It is possible to protect a friend, and thereby to perpetuate a relationship or pattern of behavior which is destructive to many others. Ultimately, the credibility and practice of the Christian faith have been compromised.

Not all of the victim(s) are included in the disciplinary and restorative procedure of the ordained ministry. Yet all are hurt when sexual misconduct has occurred. Those who take the connectional covenant seriously and who value the vows of ordination will assume responsibility for the whole church in the way they live with their sexuality. This paper intends to provide clear guidelines which will strengthen the covenant and ministry we share together.

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